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'We are listening to people's concerns' says train company

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THE new owners of the rail service between Weymouth and Waterloo have assured local MP Richard Drax that they are listening to people's concerns about their planned changes.

The South Dorset MP met Andy Mellors, Managing Director of South Western Railway, at the House of Commons to discuss future plans for the service.

Mr Drax said the meeting focused on concerns raised by his constituents over plans for the new timetable.

The MP also used the meeting to press his proposals for a service to the capital directed through Yeovil, which he believes would be better for local train travellers. He is also calling for a refurbishment of Weymouth station.

Amongst the local stations which may have a reduced service under the new company's proposals will be Upwey and Moreton although other stations will see a faster service to London.

"In particular, we talked about the reduction in direct trains to London, how smaller stations lose out and the need for passengers at some smaller stations to change trains," says Mr Drax.

"Mr Mellors, who has already received at least 2,000 emails during the consultation about the new timetabling, assured me that SWR is listening."

"SWR is proposing running

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MP Richard Drax puts the concerns of his constituents to Andy Mellor, managing director of South Western Railway, during a meeting at the House of Commons

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Growing success at tourism awards

THE Jurassic Coast Team won the award for Outstanding Contribution to Dorset Tourism at a glittering presentation evening this week.

Businesses across West Dorset scooped an impressive 23 awards at the Dorset Tourism awards.

The annual awards, held at The Lighthouse in Poole on November 16th, presented 66 trophies to tourism businesses across Dorset.

Now in its fifth year, the awards broke all records in celebrating the best of Dorset tourism and also as the route for Dorset businesses to win in the South West and national Visit England awards.

This year saw four new categories for spa and wellbeing, active and sporting, artistic and learning experience and guided tour, with awards presented by national tourism leader Bernard Donoghue.

Winners included:

Bed and Breakfast of the year
- Gold – Dorset House, Lyme Regis
- Highly commended – Swallows Rest B&B, Weymouth

Café/tearoom of the year
- Gold – Taste Café at Chesil Beach, Weymouth
- Bronze – Aroma Café, Bridport

Camping and caravanning park of the year
- Gold – Higher Moor Farm, Weymouth

Dog friendly business of the year
- Gold – Golden Acre Holiday Bungalows, Bridport
- Bronze – Lancombe Country Cottages & Lodges, near Maiden Newton, Dorchester

Guided tour of the year
- Gold – The Town Mill, Lyme Regis

Holiday park of the year
- Silver – Highlands End Holiday Park, Bridport

Restaurant/bistro of the year
- Bronze – The Dorset Burger Company, Weymouth

Self catering business of the year
- Gold – Greenwood Grange, near Dorchester
- Silver - Lancombe Country Cottages & Lodges, near Maiden Newton, Dorchester

Small attraction of the year
- Gold – The Town Mill, Lyme Regis
- Bronze – Sandworld Weymouth

Small boutique hotel of the year
- Silver – Summer Lodge Country House Hotel, Evershot, Dorchester
- Bronze – The Alexandra Hotel and Restaurant, Lyme Regis

Spa and wellbeing experience of the year
- Silver - La Vie Spa, Portland

Sustainable tourism award
- Gold – Bagwell farm Touring Park, Weymouth

■ THE Jurassic Coast Team won the outstanding contribution to Dorset tourism award at this year's Dorset Tourism Awards

- Silver - The Alexandra Hotel and Restaurant, Lyme Regis

Tourism event/festival of the year
- Gold – Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival, Weymouth

Tourism pub of the year
- Gold – Acorn Inn, Evershot, near Dorchester
- Silver – Three Horseshoes Pub and Kitchen, Burton Bradstock

Visitor information service of the year
- Bronze – Bridport Tourist Information Centre

Outstanding contribution to Dorset tourism
- The Jurassic Coast Team

Chairman of the judges, professor Peter Jones, said; "As chairman of the Dorset Tourism Awards judging panel, I am delighted to report that the work of the panel becomes harder year on year.

"This is not just because of the number and the quality of the applications, but is a reflection of the commitment of the tourism businesses of whatever size and type in enhancing and developing the true authentic Dorset visitor experience."

The Dorset Tourism Awards have seen year on year growth since their launch in 2013.

Robin Barker, who has developed the awards from first concept to their current success has been delighted with the progress.

He said: "This year has seen record entries, more sponsors and our biggest Dorset event ever.

"Many congratulations to all the winners, who we look forward to working with in their quest for ever higher standards."

The full list of winners can be seen at www.dorsettourismawards.org.uk

HMRC scammers in Dorset

DORSET Police have been made aware of a scam whereby individuals are being contacted, in a variety of methods, and told they owe an outstanding debt to HMRC and asked to pay that amount in iTunes vouchers.

In one day, 13 reports were made to Dorset Police from residents, primarily in the north and east of the county.

Detective Inspector Neil Wright, Force Volume Crime Unit, said: "I urge residents to be aware of this trend affecting Dorset. Tell your loved ones, your neighbours and your colleagues.

"This is a scam. HMRC will never ask you for iTunes vouchers or anything else similar as payment for unpaid tax.

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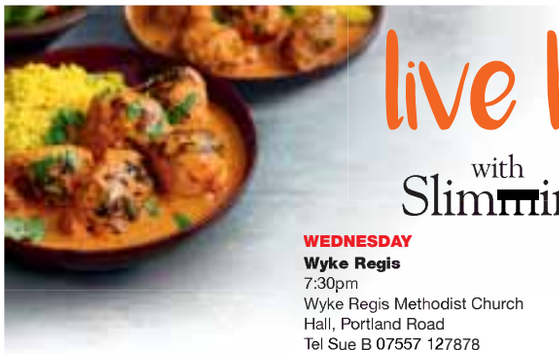

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Agreement over a site for the homeless bus

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WEYMOUTH'S homeless bus for rough sleepers could be found a home on the beach car park at Lodmoor Way.

Plans to site the bus, which has 17 beds, in the town centre had met with opposition.

But the new proposal, put forward by the borough council, is being welcomed.

The bus shelter idea was started by Emily and Eddie McCarron and rapidly attracted donations and volunteers who worked to convert the double decker, donated by Damory.

A separate trailer unit has since been added to the plan which will be used as a kitchen and bathroom.

The bus will have 17 beds - 14 for men and three for women – and will be staffed at all times by volunteers. Those who use it will have to sign a 'contract' about their behaviour.

Emily McCarron says the new site is ideal, out of the way of residents and businesses, and will meet the objective of getting rough sleepers off the street and start to work on ways of breaking their cycle of homelessness.

Planning permission will need to be granted prior to the bus being brought into service.

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■ GRADUATION DAY: Proud Sally Pinhey with her family, Tamsin, Roger and Alexander

Proud day for graduate, aged 72

A Dorset artist has graduated from Bournemouth University with a Masters of Science in Green Economy, at the age of 72.

Sally Pinhey, from Upwey, near Weymouth was able to study at home, part-time over a two-year period to gain her new qualification. She has already put it to good use by establishing the Botanical Illustration Ecology Group (BIEG).

"This new group should raise the profile of botanical illustration as a useful ecological tool, and provide more work for botanical illustrators," said Sally, a mother and grandmother, who regularly woke at 5.30 am to "get in a useful few hours of work before the day began".

Sally chose carbon emissions from churches for her dissertation subject.

"On the principle of doing two things at once whenever possible, it crossed over with my church warden duties at the time," explains Sally.

"Since then also my botanical illustration students, wishing to continue their studies after their certificate year, fell in with a plan to research soil conditioning plants."

From December 5th to the end of January 2018 Sally will be exhibiting her work in the Creative Coverage Christmas and New Year Exhibition at Bridport Arts Centre Cafe and Foyer alongside Terry Whitworth, Dick Hewitson, Lin Williams, Joanna Commings and Roger St Barbe.

On February 5th, March 5th, May 7th, June 4th and July 9th, 2018 Sally will be running whole day botanical illustration workshops at Kingston Maurward College.

Silver sponsors still welcome for the BIG Christmas event

ASDA has become the main 'gold' sponsor of this year's Weymouth's BIG Christmas.

But more offers of sponsorship are still wanted for the seasonal celebrations with offers of 'silver' sponsorship open only until this week.

Steve Newstead, Weymouth BID chairman, said: "We have taken a lot of time and effort this Christmas to make sure that businesses have the opportunity to be involved. Sponsorship is an important part of delivering a successful Christmas event and it gives businesses the chance to get in front of new and existing customers at the ice rink and on line at www.weareweymouth.co.uk. We welcome Asda as our gold sponsor and our new bronze sponsors too".

New sponsor, Clive Garman of Sherrens Print and Weyprint said: "We know first-hand how important local businesses are for the town centre and the value of keeping the town alive by generating increased footfall out of season. Having a skate rink over the festive period, means local businesses should benefit from visiting families and friends, this becomes an ideal opportunity for supporting businesses to sponsor such a great event for everyone to enjoy during the festive shopping period."

One of the bronze sponsors, Brian Cooper, owner of Resort Marketing said: "It is our pleasure to support Weymouth's Big Christmas, with its real ice rink bringing people into the town to enjoy the festivities and to do their Christmas shopping. The enhanced lighting won by Weymouth BID last Christmas made a big difference to the look and feel of Weymouth and we are looking forward to seeing our town looking festive in the coming weeks"

The BIG Christmas Ice Rink will open to the public with a special "£5 Friday ticket" on Friday, December 1st , after which bookings will be open for all ice rink tickets at £7.50 for a 45 minute ice skating session which includes skate hire. Places can be booked online at www.weareweymouth.co.uk/christmas.

Free parking after 3pm starts on 1st December in selected town centre car parks.

MP voices concerns in train consultation

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faster peak trains from Weymouth to London, along with stopping services for local journeys. However, the infrastructure and power constraints on this busy line limit the amount of trains that can operate."

"That's why I continued to push for improvements to the Salisbury line and Yeovil Junction, which will speed up trains and reduce congestion. I am also delighted that Network Rail, which is responsible for rail infrastructure, has now documented these improvements."

"I also again raised the issue of refurbishing Weymouth station, as I believe it needs it."

"I would strongly encourage anyone who wishes to participate in the consultation, either positively or negatively, to do so by writing to: timetable.feedback@swrailway.com before the cut-off date of December 22nd, 2017."

Fire at boatyard being treated as possible arson

A fire in a boatyard which led to the partial closure of the main road between Weymouth and Portland is being treated by police as a possible arson.

Damage to one yacht and to others nearby have been put at an estimated £170,000.

Weymouth fire crews were already out on exercise when the call to the Ferrybridge Marine site came through on Thursday evening (November16th).

A Bayliner yacht was destroyed by the fire with damage to six other boats.

Part of the beach road was closed for safety reasons because of the thick smoke and risk of explosion while the fire was dealt with.

Police say they have been passed a CCTV image which shows someone entering the yard.

Ned Wiltshire, who owns the yard, said he was grateful for the quick response from the emergency services which prevented the fire spreading further.

An emergency call about the fire was received by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue shortly after 7pm with the road closed until about 8pm.

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Doctors come back to their roots

Dr Anna Hope and Dr Jessica Davey, with Dr Adeel Ghaffar

DORSET County Hospital has recruited two doctors who have returned to their home county after studying medicine.

Dr Anna Hope and Dr Jessica Davey have joined the hospital as part of the annual intake of foundation doctors, to complete two years of training following their graduation from medical school. The foundation doctors complete ongoing assessment during their time at the hospital, as well as completing an e-portfolio and an assessment at the end of each year.

At any one time the hospital has 55 foundation doctors; 30 foundation year one and 25 year two, who rotate through a range of specialties. They are supported by Dr Adeel Ghaffar, Consultant Physician and Foundation Programme Director, and Audrey Ryan, who is the Associate Director of Medical Education.

Dr Anna Hope grew up in Osmington, and attended sixth form at Thomas Hardye School in Dorchester. She was the first person in her family to attend university; attending Newcastle University which has been training generations of doctors at its medical school since 1834.

Dr Hope said: "I enjoyed my time at Newcastle, and it was great to work with a different patient demographic, and to understand the challenges of delivering healthcare in areas of social deprivation. From my experiences of hospitals in the North East, it seemed that smaller hospitals tended to be friendlier – in the larger hospitals sometimes the senior staff were less approachable. This was one of the reasons I wanted to come back to DCH; I wanted to work in a smaller, friendly hospital with a real sense of community."

Dr Jessica Davey attended Wey Valley School before moving to Thomas Hardye School for sixth form. Dr Davey said: "Before I went to sixth form I wasn't really aware of medicine as a career, it was only talking to friends whose parents were medics that I understood that becoming a doctor was a realistic career choice for me." Although the competitiveness of applying for a place at medical school was daunting, Jessica was successful and was in the first generation of her immediate family to go to university. She attended the Peninsula Medical School, undertaking training in Exeter, Plymouth and Cornwall. She said: "I had heard very good things about DCH – I was keen to work in a small hospital, and when I heard the feedback from other doctors who had trained at DCH, I knew it was where I wanted to undertake my training".

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Flats plan proceeding but will they be 'affordable'?

SO-CALLED 'affordable' homes being planned for the site of tennis courts in Dorchester town centre will still need an income of more than £30,000 – well above the local average.

The one-bed flats are expected to be available for between £90,000 and £100,000 – using the town council owned tennis court plot in the corner of the Trinity Street car park, a site which is surrounded by trees and backs onto the Walks, at the edge of the Borough Gardens.

At least 20 flats are being considered for the site – according to a public meeting held in the Corn Exchange last week.

The Dorchester Area Community Land Trust (DACLT) , which is behind the development says that good progress is being made – but are still unable to say when work might start on building the new homes.

Those attending the meeting heard that a feasibility study is being planned prior to depositing a planning application to West Dorset District Council.

The flats will be made available to those under 35 living or working in the town who have a single, or combined income of £30,000.

WI for Poundbury

A MEETING is being held in Poundbury this week to set up a new Women's Institute group.

It is being held today, Wednesday 22nd, at 7.30pm at the Quiet Space.

"We see WI members as playing an effective role in the community, expanding their horizons and developing and passing on important skills. Varied activities, talks, visits and social event are enjoyed by all" said a statement from the county federation.

"Many opportunities to make your voice heard, develop new interests and skills, to make friends and enjoy yourself. All these, and more are available in joining the WI."

Bands reunited is a big success for Weldmar

■ SUCCESSFUL reunion - Chris Dean, Paul Ward, Simon Breakspear, Diane Bentley

A SELL-OUT gig by local bands from the 1960s and 70s has raised £2,600 for the Weldmar hospice trust.

The 'Da Boys Are Back in Town' evening at Weymouth's Centenary Club sold out almost as soon as it was advertised.

Chris Dean, one of the organisers, said: "We were overjoyed that all 300 tickets sold out so quickly. We held a waiting list, and were very thankful when tickets were donated back to us from supporters who could no longer attend."

The evening was organised by Chris with Simon Breakspear, Phil McDonnell, with support from Paul Ward of the Centenary Club.

"Paul would open up the Centenary Club for us whenever we needed in the lead up to the gig, allowing all the bands to rehearse and get used to the space. This was really kind of him, as many of the musicians hadn't seen each other for many, many years. But, once they started playing, it was like they'd never lost contact".

Simon Breakspear said: "It was a one in a million evening. It went so well and all the bands played really well. The venue was full up from six o'clock until the end. And the fact that we were raising so much money for Weldmar Hospicecare was the icing on the cake."

Those performing were: the Crescendoes; Blind Harvest; Conquerors/Crystal Ship; Package Deal; Brahms & Liszt and Violin Shoppe/Abacus.

Diane Bentley, Weldmar's Community Engagement Fundraiser, said: "I was delighted to meet up with some of the guys behind this event – and was overjoyed that they have managed to raise so much for Weldmar. It is only with the support of our local community that we can continue to provide our outstanding services across Dorset".

Said Simon Breakspear: "I can honestly say it was a total success. We'll be doing it again next year because it went so well".

Children's home under threat of closure

STAFF at Maumbury House Community Home in Dorchester, have been told that the county council may seek to close and dispose of the unit.

Up to 30 jobs could go at the house which is Dorset's only home for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The matter is to be discussed by the council cabinet next month and all options were being considered.

A council spokesman said: "The county council has a responsibility to consider whether it can provide sufficiently for looked-after children.

"This includes fostering and other types of residential arrangements, based on the specific needs of the children.

"In this context, the review of Maumbury House residential children's home forms part of this process."

Unison, which represents public sector workers, said some children were already living in guest houses following the closure of another home.

Unison branch secretary Amanda Brown said: "We are already seeing the fallout of this.We have young people staying in bed and breakfast, in hotels, in holiday homes, supported by the staff that were in the West End House that was closed a couple of weeks ago.

"We are seeing out-of-county placements rising and they are a huge cost and it alienates the young people from their communities, their schools, their family and friends. It's an ill conceived idea."

However, safeguarding councillor Steve Butler said: "Dorset County Council is submitting a paper to its meeting of cabinet members on December 6th which will outline the various options.

"At this point in time all the options are being kept open and will be considered."

In July, Maumbury House, which provides long-term placements for up to five young people - was rated inadequate by an Ofsted inspection.

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Ribbon cutting marks the completion of five-year affordable house building programme

A ribbon-cutting marks the handover of the final phase of affordable new Stonewater homes in Poundbury's North East Quadrant. Left to right: Mike Coleman, Poundbury Residents Association Vice Chairman; Cllr Timothy Yarker, West Dorset District Council Portfolio Holder for Housing; Fran Leaper, Poundbury (Manco 2) Ltd Director; Jonathan Layzell, Stonewater Executive Director of Development and Jamie Whale, Morrish Builders Associate Director, Operations.

THERE were 14 good reasons for local people to celebrate this week following the handover of the final phase of affordable new Stonewater homes in Poundbury's North East Quadrant.

The event marks the social housing provider's completion of a five-year housebuilding programme which has helped to deliver 72 homes in Poundbury for low-cost rent and affordable shared ownership. Financed by Stonewater, the properties were developed in partnership with West Dorset District Council, The Duchy of Cornwall and regional contractors CG Fry & Son and Morrish Builders.

Poundbury is a 400-acre mixed-use urban extension to the western edge of Dorchester which has been designed, under the direction of HRH The Prince of Wales, as a walkable, sustainable community which gives priority to people rather than cars. It houses around 3,000 local people in a mix of rental and shared-ownership homes on land owned by the Duchy of Cornwall. One in three Poundbury homes is affordable housing. The North East Quadrant is the third phase of the Duchy development which, when completed in 2022, will provide a mix of 505 new homes, commercial premises, a public park and community facilities. By 2025, with the addition of the North West Quadrant, Poundbury will expand to at least 2,200 homes.

Stonewater's most recently completed mini-scheme in the North East Quadrant offers eight three-bedroom houses and one two-bedroom coach house for affordable rent, and four three-bedroom houses and one two-bedroom coach house for low-cost shared ownership. Built by local contractors Morrish Builders, the energy-efficient properties, some with private gardens, are within easy reach of Poundbury's public transport, local schools, shops, services and leisure facilities. The community also has its own garden allotments and cycle routes to nearby Dorchester.

"We're delighted to have completed this significant affordable housebuilding programme in with the support of The Duchy of Cornwall, the council and our construction partners," said Jonathan Layzell, Stonewater's Executive Director for Development. "With second-home ownership and wealthy incomers inflating the housing market in the Dorchester area, it's becoming extremely difficult for local people – particularly young families – to afford a place to live in the local community. We hope our Poundbury homes are helping to address this problem and that this most recently completed Stonewater development will provide 14 local families with a fantastic home of their own, close to their family and friends this Christmas."

This latest Stonewater housing scheme has provided six local apprentice placements in a variety of roles, including carpentry and bricklaying, throughout the construction.

Ben Murphy, Estate Director for the Duchy of Cornwall, says: "The Duchy of Cornwall is committed to delivering a vibrant mixed-use community in Poundbury with a wide range of high quality housing to meet local housing need, and we are proud to deliver 35 per cent affordable housing for people and families on the local housing register. I am delighted that Stonewater has managed to provide six local apprentice placements throughout the construction of these magnificent properties, helping meet two of the key principles of Poundbury, to create local jobs and to support traditional building and craftsmanship."

Councillor Tim Yarker, West Dorset District Council's Portfolio Holder for Housing, says: "It is fantastic that Stonewater has managed to build so many high quality, affordable homes on this one site in the last five years. Affordable housing makes an essential contribution to the sustainability of the local community and assists in fulfilling local housing need.

"I'd like to thank Stonewater for their contribution, and look forward to working with them in future developments."

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RNLI coffee morning

ALMOST £1,200 was raised at the Weymouth RNLI annual coffee morning held at the Pavilion.

Items on sale ranged from Christmas cards to cakes and bric-a-brac with music from the Dorset Wrecks.

Carol Pitman, Chair of the Events Committee from the lifeboat station said: "Thank you to all of you who supported the event in any way, either by advertising to friends and neighbours, by donating items or by coming along on the day and having a cup of coffee with us – without you, these events would not happen, and our lifeboat would be the poorer for it."

The next event to be held at the lifeboat station will be the annual Carol Service on Friday, December 15th at 7.30 pm.

Rodwell litter pick

A WINTER litter pick is being held along Weymouth's Rodwell Trail this weekend – with additional volunteers invited to join in.

It will take place this Saturday, November 25th, from 9.30am until 11.30am, starting from the Sandsfoot Castle café.

Bags and pick-up sticks will be provided by the borough council who will also collect and dispose of the litter collected.

The event is being organised by the Friends of the Rodwell Trail group.

Paul Atterbury talk

BBC Antiques Roadshow expert, Paul Atterbury, will be speaking at a fundraiser in Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth this week.

His talk will start at 7.30pm on Friday 24th with tickets costing £10. These can be bought in advance by calling 01305 839737.

New platform to view Chesil wildlife

A new wheelchair-friendly viewing platform has opened at the Chesil Beach Centre – allowing those with disabilities to get closer to wildlife. Dorset Wildlife Trust's platform has been designed to allow visitors a new viewpoint to observe the wildlife of the Fleet Lagoon, which is next to the centre.

The platform has been created thanks to a donation made by DWT corporate partners, Dorset Coastal Cottages, who gave Dorset's largest wildlife charity £3,500 towards the project. Dorset Coastal Cottages has supported DWT for over 10 years, and has also donated towards other projects over that time.

Jeremy Smith from Dorset Coastal Cottages said: "We are delighted to support Dorset Wildlife Trust to help look after the local environment. Through funding the new viewing platform at the Chesil Centre we have helped provide something tangible, that our guests can come and visit. We hope that witnessing wildlife in its natural coastal habitat will help inspire both local people and visitors to help look after wildlife through supporting Dorset Wildlife Trust."

DWT's Weymouth & Portland Visitor Experience Officer, Emily Brown, added: "Migrating birds on the Fleet Lagoon is one of the best wildlife spectacles of the year, so we want everyone to have an opportunity to experience watching it. Binoculars can be rented from the Chesil Beach Centre for those who don't own a pair but still want to get a glimpse of all the action. Last week, there were reports of thousands of brent geese flocking, so this is a great time of year to visit the Centre and Fleet Lagoon and we're very pleased it is now accessible for all."

The Chesil Beach Centre also has a disabled access toilet and disabled car parking spaces in the pay and display car park.

■ JEREMY Smith from Dorset Coastal Cottages and Emily Brown from DWT on the new viewing platform
■ Below: Brent Geese on the Fleet Lagoon

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THE family and friends of Ralphie Ellard, who hosted a "Rockin for Ralphie" music festival in Weymouth, have raised over £4,000 from the event.

It took place at the Ocean Room in Weymouth Pavilion and was attended by 250 people – with the funds raised via ticket sales, a raffle with over £1,000 worth of prizes and a Prosecco Bar.

Ralphie was born two years ago with severe cerebral palsy and this affects his speech, muscle reactions, ability to walk and his ability to eat normally.

The consultants looking after Ralphie's condition fitted a device to his stomach earlier in the month as a way of introducing food, fluids and medicines directly into the stomach by passing a thin tube through the skin. The operation was a success and Ralphie was able to attend the fundraising event for an hour.

Sian Ellard, Ralphie's Mum said: "We were originally fundraising for Ralphie to have his own wheelchair which was adapted just for him and his needs; we are around half way there with all funds raised for Ralphie so far. As we go on this journey with Ralphie there will inevitably be other things that pop up that we need to fund for. Just as the most recent example, Ralphie had his PEG (stomach feeder) fitted, so we now have to purchase different style harnesses for all of his equipment. And these can become very expensive; the money we have raised at Rockin for Ralphie is really going to help with this."

■ SIAN and Claire Ellard with Leggomen and, below, the Ellard family at Rockin for Ralphie. Left mum Sian with Ralphie

Sian went on to say: "We hope to continue to raise much needed funds for Ralphie by holding other events locally. Our next idea is to hold an open to everyone fire walk. We would also love to hold another band night, and at some point a family fun day. Thank you so much to everyone who came, everyone who donated prizes, the bands who provided their time for free, the security, the designers and printers, the volunteers. It means so much to see how loved our brave little boy is. Last but not least Ralphie's family and friends who were amazing in helping to organise the event and attending on the night, I really could not have done it without them and I thank them all from the bottom of our hearts."

Local bands who gave their time free of charge were The Leggomen, Milk & Two, Under the Carousel, Hustle, Chloe Tom & Jack on the Box and Sooty's Disco. Sponsors were the Weymouth Pavilion, Extra Mile Chauffeur Travel, UDL security, Popcorn Marketing, Dorset Abilities Group plus Sherrens for printing the posters and to Inked Engine for the design.

Donate at Raising for Ralphie http://just4children.org/children-helped2017/raising-for-ralphie/

■ VOLUNTEERS from Hardy's Birthplace visitor centre have won the prestigious Dorset Volunteer Group of the Year award. The award from the Volunteer Centre Dorset, was in recognition of the achievements of the group over the last two years.

The volunteers are part of an NHS Support, Transition and Recovery Team (START) that attend the Dorset County Council run visitor centre. This group's work has included creating wildlife gardens, making bird boxes, coppicing hazel, maintaining the Roman Road as well as assisting in the creation of the entrance feature and benches throughout the reserve using timber from the woodland.

Christmas campaign for hospital's Cancer Appeal

Dorset County Hospital Charity staff are launching their Christmas Fundraising Campaign on behalf of the Cancer Appeal at Dorset County Hospital.

Thanks to a number of local fundraising events, individual donations and staff fundraising, the appeal now stands at nearly £1.4 million out of a target of £1.75 million.

The charity's popular 5p Challenge, which is part of the appeal, has just hit the one mile mark, which means that enough 5ps have been donated to stretch a mile, raising £4,500.

Abi Orchard, Lead Cancer Nurse, who had the original idea said: "We never thought it would be so popular – so many people have brought in their 5ps for the challenge and more are coming in every day. We wondered at the beginning if we would even hit one mile – now we are aiming for two." Anyone wanting to take part in the challenge should contact the charity on 01305 253424 to find out how they can help.

A number of other events are also planned for the next few weeks.

Simon Pearson, head of fundraising said: "We are asking staff, the community and local businesses to take part in our Christmas campaign by organising simple fundraising events and getting their friends and families involved. We can help with ideas, posters, collection tins and general support if people would like to fundraise for us."

"Last year at Christmas the hospital received many generous donations and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to support us this year."

One department at the hospital is having a festive fundraising day on December 13th – medical/surgical outpatients supported the Cancer Appeal last year and are hoping to raise even more this year. Organiser Gemma Harris, a Senior Sister on the ward, said: "We've got a fantastic raffle with amazing prizes donated by local businesses – we are hoping to sell all our tickets and may even need to get some more. Our patients and their families have also been so generous – we appreciate all the donations we've received. We'll be wearing our Christmas fancy dress so it should be a great day." Gemma added that any donations for the tombola would be gratefully received on the ward up until December 12th.

The Cancer Appeal is funding a Cancer Outpatients Department which is being built on top of the new Robert White Radiotherapy Unit currently under construction at the hospital. It is part of a £9 million project bringing radiotherapy services to Dorchester for the first time.

If you would like to support the appeal by making a donation or organising a fundraising event please contact the charity on 01305 253215, visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity or email charity@dchft.nhs.uk

Welcome support for Fortuneswell Trust

■ MIKE Fox presents the funds he has raised to Sister Sarah Burrows of the Fortuneswell Ward at Dorset County Hospital

FORMER Portland British Legion Club steward, Mike Fox, has presented a cheque for £3,000 to Fortuneswell Cancer Trust – with a further £2,000 to Weldmar.

The money was raised in the name of his partner, Karen Young, who was being treated on the Fortuneswell Ward at Dorset County Hospital for bowel cancer.

Karen passed away having been treated in her final illness at DCH and Joseph Weld Hospice. At her funeral, a further £1,000 was raised in donations. A total of £3,000 was presented to the ward's cancer charity, and an additional £2,000 to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

When he retired as steward of the Portland club Mike organised a charity night, raising initially £2,000. When local benefactor Paul Rodriguez heard Mike's story, he donated a further £2,000.

Mike is pictured presenting the cheque for £3,000 to Sister Sarah Burrows in the Fortuneswell Ward at DCH. He said "I hope to continue to support Fortuneswell in my retirement."

Dr David Evans, chairman of the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust, said: "Mike has been one of our most stalwart supporters over the years and many local cancer sufferers have benefited from his efforts".

Over the last 18 years, Mike has raised more than £40,000 for good causes. In the last four years his efforts have been directed towards cancer charities with the Fortuneswell Cancer Trust being the main beneficiary.

Helping to get older people outdoors

GRANT funding of between £100 and £2,000 is available in Dorset for initiatives that will help older people get active outdoors.

Cllr Daryl Turner, the county council's Cabinet member for natural and built environment, said: "We want to encourage local community groups to come forward with ideas that help older people get outdoors in the natural environment.

"Being outdoors and sharing it with someone, even for a short time, is a crucial part of living well.

"Many people today have become detached from the natural world for various reasons such as mobility, lack of confidence or transport. The grants offer a great opportunity to fund projects which helps reconnect older people, including those with dementia, with nature and enjoy the benefits it brings to health and wellbeing."

Julie Hammon, Project Officer for AONB, said: "We would really like to see new projects which make the natural environment accessible for all, create opportunities to learn new skills and reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness in local communities.

"We are particularly keen to hear from people in Dorchester, Bridport, Beaminster, Swanage, Lyme Regis, Chickerell or the immediate surrounding areas who are looking at creating dementia friendly greenspaces or activities."

For more information on the project, grant criteria and application form visit www.stepin2nature.org. You can also email stepin2nature@dorsetcc.gov.uk, or call Julie Hammon for an informal chat about your project on 01305 224785.

Funding for the projects comes from the Big Lottery Fund, Stepping into Nature, led by the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team.

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More than just a recipe book

A WELDMAR Recipe Book has gone on sale locally, raising funds for the hospice charity based in Dorchester.

It has been produced by the arts therapies team at the trust with the help of patients, their families and staff.

More than 90 patients, family members, volunteers and staff helped with the book – talking about their favourite food related memories, recipes and top cooking tips.

Stories included one from a shepherd who used to enjoy lamb tail stew, and one from a lady who remembered collecting coal washed up on the Northumberland coast as a girl to swap it in her corner shop for a bag of sweets.

Contributors have shared the inspiring ways in which they've reinvented the way they cook in order to cope with the limited mobility they now have since living with an illness. Others have shared how their loss of appetite or changing tastes have affected their quality of life. Family members have shared the ideas they've developed in coping with their loved one's changing eating habits.

Weldmar staff, volunteers and day services patients with the recipe book

Eileen Haste, Weldmar's arts practitioner, said of the project: "It's been such a delight to spend time with people and hear their stories and ideas. It's moving to read about childhood memories alongside those describing how a loss of appetite has affected a person's wellbeing. And that's just the stories. There's a bonanza of recipes and tips in the book. One patient described freezing whole lemons that can then be grated over meals that need that extra zing. Brilliant! The book has become a real treasure trove."

The book also has an introduction from Sam White, the head chef at Weldmar's inpatient unit in Dorchester, Joseph Weld Hospice. Having specialist experience of cooking for patients and family members, Sam and her team have contributed recipes that focus on nutrition, simplicity and affordability.

● **The book is now available for £3.50 in the Weldmar Hospicecare charity shops.**

Marianne Storey chief executive of Dorset Mind at the auction

Auction support for Dorset Mind

A CHARITY sale at a Dorchester auction house has raised just under £4,500 for the mental health charity Dorset Mind.

More than 150 people were at Duke's Auctioneers for an evening charity auction organised by Dorchester businessman David Upshall.

The money will be used to help pay for the charity's expansion into West Dorset.

Mr Upshall commented: "I am delighted and have to thank all the local businesses and individuals who provided such marvellous items and of course the people who kindly bid. The evening was a tremendous success raising much - needed funds so I would also like to add my thanks to Duke's Auctioneers."

The evening ended with a brief talk by Dorset Mind's chief executive Marianne Storey who asked people if they would spare a minute and vote for them in a community funding programme run by Aviva which would if they won, enable them to open ten rural Dorset support groups.

If you would like to help them achieve this by voting go to:- www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/ or to Dorset Mind's website for more details (www.dorsetmind.uk)

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Christmas in Charmouth

Timings of the Main Events are:

4.15 – 4.45pm
Charmouth schoolchildren sing carols in the church

4.30pm
Road closure (Higher Sea Lane to Bridge Road)

5pm
Santa's procession arrives at village centre

5pm
Fayre begins. Santa's Grotto opens, lots of activities and stalls up and down the street

5 – 5.15pm
Charmouth children play Christmas songs

5.30 – 5.55pm
Katy Sea fire show in village centre

6.15pm
Christmas Fayre Raffle drawn at Fortnam Smith and Banwell

6.30 – 7pm
Family carol service in the church

6.30 – 7.30pm
Curry and rice at The Royal Oak

7.30pm
Fayre closes and road re-opens

Charmouth Christmas Fayre 2017

Friday December 1st

The 8th Charmouth Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December promises to be even better than the successful 2016 Fayre, with lots of activities in the village centre shops, carol singing in the church to begin and round off the event and a spectacular fire show by street performer Katy Sea in the village centre.

Most of the village centre shops are providing something special, as are Herringbone, Charmouth Central, Charmouth Church, The White House and The Royal Oak further up the street. There is a great choice of food, including turkey rolls, chilli, curry, cakes and hot dogs plus mince pies of course – no need to cook tonight! Activities include several for children as well as beer & wine tasting and mulled wine. Charmouth Central has artists and photographers while Herringbone and several stalls have terrific handmade ideas for Christmas gifts. There really is something for everyone!

Santa's Grotto – only £2.50

Santa's Grotto in Abode will be open from 5 – 6.30pm and all children receive a small gift.

Katy Sea is a spectacular fire artist and her 25 minute show at the top of Lower Sea Lane promises to be breathtaking and starts at 5.30. Check out her video on the Charmouth Events Facebook page. This is the highlight of the evening and not to be missed.

Christmas Fayre raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale in the village from November 21st. Tickets are 50p each or £2.50 for a book. Charmouth Events Committee have put up the £50 first prize and there are many other prizes which have been donated by local businesses including champagne, a meal for 2, a hamper and a sweet tower.

Charmouth Events

The Charmouth Events Committee is running the Christmas Fayre for the first time. We raise money for local organisations, 15 of which received donations in October. While you're enjoying the fun don't forget to support this event through buying raffle tickets and donating through the yellow collection buckets. Our next event will be New Year's Eve fireworks at the beach.

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If you would like further information about the event please contact:
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THE SALON will be open until 7.30pm on Friday 1st December. We will be serving Mulled Wine and there will be plenty of great Christmas gift ideas for your loved ones.

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The appointment book is filling up fast so if you'd like your locks looking fresh for the festive season make your appointment soon. We will also be offering 10% off any colour, cut and finish with Bea or Vicki booked on the night.

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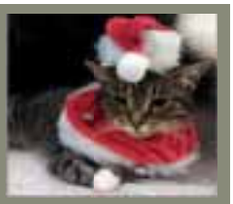

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Christmas in Charmouth

Breeze

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For anyone who loves this part of the world these cushions, mugs and trays printed with local maps make unique and personal presents. Quirky gifts with a seaside theme are always popular too, as well as decorative glassware, ceramics, mirrors and frames.

As always there is a great choice of accessories – from handloom silk scarves in glowing colours to cosy winter scarves, gloves, leather handbags and silver jewellery. Two exciting additions this Christmas are fashionable chunky jewellery from Miss Milly and a new clothing range, including knitware, Italian tops and dresses and super soft Italian wool/cashmere mix ponchos.

You'll find plenty of decorative stocking fillers from £2.50 and if it's too hard to choose, no problem, we do gift vouchers too.

Bymead House

BYMEAD House has been very busy preparing for the Christmas festivities ahead! Our residents have enjoyed making Christmas cakes and puddings and will soon be making some lovely Christmas cards to send to their families and friends.

We have a varied line-up of activities and entertainment in the run up to Christmas including a trip to Beer to see the Christmas lights; Christmas Carols by the Brownies and a visit from the Mountjoy Handbell Ringers.

Our annual Christmas buffet will be held on Monday 18th December at 4.45p.m, followed by a performance of 'Mother Goose' by a pantomime company at 6p.m for all our residents, relatives and friends. We would like to invite all the friends and relatives of Bymead to attend these events and join us in our festivities.

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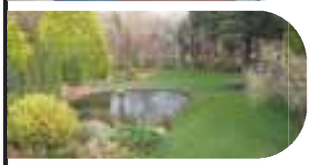

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The Royal Oak has been at the heart of the Christmas day swim in Charmouth for many years and we will, once again be on the beach serving hot toddies to all the brave Charmouth swimmers this year. If you would like to take part in the swim, you can collect a sponsorship form from the bar at the pub. The Royal Oak will be open from 11am until 3pm on Christmas day.

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Fears for the future in areas of outstanding natural beauty

RESEARCHERS fear Dorset's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty are under threat by the growing housing demand in the county.

Thirty-one areas in Dorset have been named in a report published this week that highlights a sharp rise in housing applications over the past five years.

Guidelines state that major planning permissions should be refused except in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Richard Burden, from an AONB partnership in the south west, said there is a contradiction in what the government says Dorset needs to prioritise:

"There's a fundamental conflict that Government has said - since 1949 - these Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty should be conserved and enhanced. But at the same time they're saying we've got to build houses, and of course there's a conflict between providing houses and preserving your best landscapes."

The report was commissioned by the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

Mr Burden added: "Responses to a government consultation document Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places raises the issue that building homes in areas of great landscape beauty will tend to attract more buyers rather than depress prices. Any reduction in house prices might measure not the benefit of extra supply, but the damage to the attractiveness of the area.

David Dixon and associates Neil Sinden and Tim Crabtree researched and compiled An Independent Review of Housing in England's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (2012-2017) and they note "unprecedented growth" in the number of new houses approved in several AONBs as being a response to the country's growing need for housing. Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places suggested a total annual housing need across the country of 266,000 homes. But paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework states that major planning permissions in AONBs should be refused, except in 'exceptional circumstances' and where it can be demonstrated that the particular development is in the public interest.

The White Horse at Osmington - part of a Dorset AONB

Despite this, the CPRE's report highlights the "increasing concern among LPAs about refusing proposals for housing development on AONB grounds alone".

Additionally, developers are becoming increasingly confident that they can secure permission from LPAs, while AONBs are seen as attractive locations for building that attracts high returns. Appeal successes, however, did decline over the period.

The research also found that there is a significant lag in the provision of housing, with up to 25 per cent of the houses approved in AONBs over the five years not yet built."

The CPRE has stated that unless the government and local authorities take action now, more beautiful landscapes will be lost forever. It has recommended that all AONBs are given the statutory right to be consulted for major development proposals in their area.

Emma Marrington, CPRE senior rural policy campaigner, said: "While CPRE advocates the building of the right homes in the right places, AONBs are not the right place. On top of this, current development in AONBs shows little evidence that what's built will actually help solve the housing crisis, which is more to do with affordability than lack of land."

On a positive note, the researchers found that many AONB teams, working with local communities and landscape specialists, make small scale housing schemes work alongside the delivery of the AONB ethos. The report states: "Achieving the right site selection, layout and design for housing in AONB areas is critical to delivering the high quality, locally distinctive homes that enhance landscape character in AONB areas."

AONB directors say the purposes of AONB designation are to conserve and enhance natural beauty, and that these areas are a limited and diminishing resource.

Weymouth man wants to raise epilepsy awareness

A WEYMOUTH man living with epilepsy is calling for more awareness of the condition.

Gavin Roberts underwent major surgery in a bid to improve his quality of life.

He's aksing people to donate to charities such as Epilepsy Action.

Gavin says people's lives are often at risk and more funding could make a difference:

"We need more research into finding a cure to reduce the number of deaths and cases who need surgery."

Epilepsy is a common condition that affects the brain and causes frequent seizures caused by bursts of electrical activity in the brain that temporarily affects how it works.

The condition can start at any age, but usually begins either in childhood or in people over 60. It's often lifelong, but can sometimes get slowly better over time (source: NHS).

Seizures can affect people in different ways, depending on which part of the brain is involved.

Symptoms can include:

- uncontrollable jerking and shaking – called a "fit"
- losing awareness and staring blankly into space
- becoming stiff
- strange sensations – such as a "rising" feeling in the tummy, unusual smells or tastes, and a tingling feeling in your arms or legs
- collapsing

Gavin says it's vital that people get to know more about the condition.

"If people know what to do during a seizure that can help so many people."

Here's what to do if you see someone having a seizure or fit:

- don't panic
- move them away from anything that could cause injury – such as a busy road or hot cooker
- cushion their head if they're on the ground

loosen any tight clothing around their neck – such as a collar or tie, to aid breathing

- when their convulsions stop, turn them so that they're lying on their side
- stay with them and talk to them calmly until they have recovered
- note the time the seizure starts and finishes

You don't necessarily have to call an ambulance but you should dial 999 if:

- it's the first time someone has had a seizure
- the seizure lasts for more than five minutes
- the person doesn't regain full consciousness, or has a series of seizures without regaining consciousness

Weymouth Wildcats in May last year

Wildcats return is on the cards

WEYMOUTH Wildcats say they have plans to bring speedway back to the area in a joint venture.

Co-owner Martin Peters said: "I'm extremely happy to bring back speedway back to the area. And after a few knock backs we could well be on the road to bringing back this fabulous sport to the area."

Co-owner James Tresadern added: "After two years of hard work, we can finally say that this news was just what we needed to hear. So many brick walls have been put up in front of us, but we have kept on going, never given up hope. Now the next step starts. There is a way to go yet, but we're looking forward to a positive future for Weymouth Wildcats."

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Carers can get extra visiting time in hospital

■ SENIOR Sister Shirley Dow (left) and Student Nurse Olivia Purnell

CARERS can now spend more time alongside loved ones in Dorset's community hospitals, thanks to a new scheme.

Dorset HealthCare is introducing a 'carer's passport' system, giving people hospital access outside of regular visiting hours and providing vital extra support to patients as and when they need it.

The "passport" was piloted at hospitals in Weymouth, Portland and St Leonards, near Ringwood, last year. Initially open to carers of people with dementia, it proved so successful it is now being rolled out to all 11 community hospitals in the county.

These include Bridport Hospital, Portland Hospital, the Westhaven Hospital at Weymouth and the main hospital in the town.

The scheme is now open to anyone who cares for a relative, partner or friend with on-going physical or mental health problems.

Under the system, carers identify themselves on arrival at the hospital and are given a badge, or 'passport', which allows them to stay beyond regular visiting hours – providing reassurance and additional help for the person they are caring for.

Hospital staff welcome carers throughout the day and into the evening, though overnight stays will be at the discretion of ward nurses.

Mary Karchel, who lives near Sherborne, was the main carer for her late husband Peter, who had Parkinson's Disease. Last year, he spent the final months of his life at the Yeatman Hospital, where Mary was able to visit him as often as she wished.

"The hospital staff involved me in the care, invited me to give my opinions and at every junction would inform me of any changes in care or things they would like to do," she said.

"I could go in at any time – day or night, it didn't matter – and that was a great support in looking after Peter.

"I used to visit him in the afternoons but he was often asleep and I couldn't chat to him. So a nurse would often call me in the morning and say: 'he is awake now – come and stay as long as you like'.

"We had the most wonderful help and care."

The carer's passport idea was sparked by John's Campaign, a national initiative founded in late 2014 following the death of dementia patient Dr John Gerrard.

His daughter Nicci faced restricted visiting access during his final days, and began campaigning for more access for carers, a move backed by NHS England.

Julia Jones, co-founder of John's Campaign, said: "It's thrilling to have all of Dorset HealthCare's hospitals making this offer to carers, and we hope it will encourage more hospitals around the UK to get on board with our campaign."

Christmas tree festival

A MUSICAL theme has been adopted for this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St George's Church, Dorchester.

The event is to be held from Friday, December 1st until Monday 4th.

Trees should be on the theme of "a song with colours or numbers."

Groups or individuals who want more information can call 01305 268179.

Christmas in Beaminster

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6pm - **Children's Lantern Parade** to the Square with The Karizma Majorettes. Donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary. Father Christmas in his sleigh.

6.30pm - Lights switched on the Christmas Tree

Father Christmas in his grotto.

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• Shop little and often.

1 – Don't let the fact that it's still only November prevent you from picking up something you know is the perfect present … buying in dribs and drabs prevents overloading muscles, joints and ligaments.

2 – Don't leave it all till the last moment (blokes are you reading this!).

• Park as close as you can.

1 – Make regular trips back to the car to drop off bags before they become too heavy.

• Take breaks

1 – A warming, re-hydrating cuppa can help at many levels.

• Have a plan

1 – The longer you spend shuffling round shops, the more things can start to ache, so go to buy, don't wander aimlessly.

• Wear comfortable shoes.

1 – A good fit and padded soles take strain off backs and legs whilst you're pounding pavements.

• Think about how you're going to transport stuff.

1 – Can you use a backpack?

2 – A shopping trolley can be a good idea… but push it, don't pull.

3 – Carry shopping bags equally on both sides so you're balanced.

4 – If it's heavy, can get it delivered?

• Mind your posture!

1 – Don't slump: walk tall with your shoulders back.

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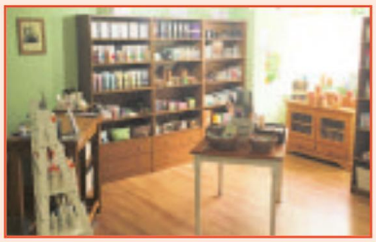

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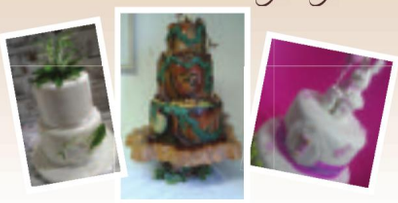

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Bridge House is also known for its fabulous cocktails designed and mixed by Lloyd Brown of the Grey Bear Bar Company, and featuring locally made spirits. Lloyd will be running cocktail parties every Thursday and Friday night from 23rd November – 22nd December, and guests will try three festive cocktails served with canapes for just £20 per person. The cocktail parties are perfect for office parties or festive gatherings, and groups of 15 or more will get their own private cocktail event at the same price of £20 per person. Book on 01308 862200 or www.bridge-house.co.uk

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The role of Treasurer will include banking cash, detailing income and expenditure and submitting accounts to the Poundbury Village Hall Trust at the end of the financial year.

The annual turnover is about £5,500.

Potential volunteers shoould contact Ginny Felton, BEC's chairman, by email, as soon as possible: ginnyfelton@aol.com

Age UK lunch club

AGE UK Dorchester runs a lunch club every Wednesday and Friday at 12.30pm from its centre at Rowan Cottage in Dorchester.

The two-course hot lunch is freshly prepared in the charity's kitchen and costs £6, including tea or coffee.

For further information contact Lisa Holmes on 01305 269 444.

Adoption information

FAMILIES considering adopting a child are invited to attend an open event on the outskirts of Dorchester.

The Families for Children Trust, which is based at Herringston Barn just off the road near the bottom end of the golf course, is holding an information event on Friday, December 8th from 10am until noon.

The specialist adoption agency works throughout the South West, placing vulnerable children with local families. They have a growing need for families prepared to take older children, sibling groups and children with disabilities.

Friends' fair

A CHRISTMAS Fair will be held in the United Church hall, Dorchester this Saturday, November 25th.

The Friends of Dorset County Hospital event, which starts at 10am, is being organised by the to raise money for the new radiotherapy unit.

Kate Adie is guest of the Dorset Men

THE Queen has sent her best wishes to the Society of Dorset Men.

The royal message was read at the county dinner by president of the group, Lord Fellowes.

The message has been a feature of the county dinner since 1904, when King Edward VII first sent his greetings.

Guest speaker at the meeting was veteran BBC war correspondent Kate Adie, who now lives near Dorchester.

She told the audience: "It's just wonderful living here in Dorset, locals always chat and pass the time of day…I adore the Dorset landscape, adore the coast and I am very happy here. It is a real privilege to live in Dorset."

This year's royal message from Buckingham Palace read: "The Queen was pleased to receive your kind message of loyal greetings. Her Majesty much appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and wishes all members of The Society of Dorset Men a successful evening at their County Dinner this evening." Lord Fellowes spoke of the Society's "steadfast and unchanging loyalty" to The Queen.

Ms Adie spoke about her early life in Sunderland, much bombed in the war and at Newcastle University, where she had undertaken Swedish and Icelandic studies.

Her first BBC job was with Radio Durham. Later, she became a regional television reporter, then in 1989 was promoted to be the BBC's chief news correspondent. "I was able to wander around the world, talking to people who had stories to tell, meeting people full of energy for life. I've never lost a sense of optimism," she said.

In a ceremony dating back to the first days of the society in 1904, a Dorset Blue Vinny cheese was carried in by the head chef, to the clapping of diners. Lord Fellowes had the privilege of tasting it and pronouncing it fit to eat.

Chairman Stuart Adam thanked Lord Fellowes for his leadership and his interest in the society. Secretary Hayne Russell was thanked for his organisation of the annual event, held at the George Albert Hotel on Wardon Hill. Among guests of the president were Captain Angus Campbell (HM Lord Lieutenant of Dorset), John Young (HM High Sheriff of Dorset) and the society's deputy president Dr Paul Atterbury.

President Lord Fellowes concluded the evening: "We live in difficult times- but in my opinion exciting and full of promise. I believe we are all lucky to be living in Dorset."

The Society of Dorset Men was founded 113 years ago on 7 July 1904. Originally it was intended for Dorset exiles in the capital city, however since the 1970s the main activities of the organisation have been centred on Dorset. Today, there are around 1,150 members throughout the UK and all over the world.

Membership of The Society of Dorset Men costs £15 a year. For further information, see www.societyofdorsetmen.co.uk or telephone Membership Secretary Peter Lush at 01305 260039.

■ Dorset Men county dinner (standing) Paul Atterbury, deputy president; Stuart Adam, chairman; Lord Fellowes, president; Captain Angus Campbell, Lord Lieutenant of Dorset; John Young, High Sheriff of Dorset and Commander Rupert Best. Seated: Chrissy Atterbury; Karola Steidl; Kate Adie; Lady Emma Fellowes; Carola Campbell and Henrietta Young.
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■ FATHER Christmas is coming to Weymouth Sea Life park

Father Christmas is on his way

WEYMOUTH Sea Life Adventure Park is offering children the chance to be guided through their festive forest by Weymouth's jolly elf, to meet Father Christmas in his Christmas cabin.

Arriving from the North Pole on Saturday, December 2nd, Father Christmas will be in residence at the park until Saturday, December 23rd, and will be giving each child he meets a special Sea Life gift.

Children can also continue the festivities in the Christmas craft zone, where they can colour their own Christmas tree decorations or write their letter to Father Christmas.

Finally, finish the festive fun with a hot chocolate and Christmas gingerbread or a mince pie at Caribbean Coffee, where a warming range of festive drinks will be available. Advanced booking is highly advised.

● MEANWHILE in Dorchester Skating in the Square returns to Brewery Square on Saturday of this week until New Year's Eve.

Also on Christmas Eve, Santa's reindeers will be visiting Brewery Square from midday until 2pm, before starting their journey around the world in preparation for the big day.

Charlotte Spracklen, centre manager for Brewery Square, commented: "We are very excited to welcome Somerset Reindeer Ranch to Brewery Square with their reindeer this year. It's the first event of its kind for Brewery Square and we can't wait to see families enjoying the magic in the square."

CHRISTMAS in Weymouth

Weymouth's Big Christmas

Weymouth's Big Christmas Lighting-Up Celebration- Friday 1st December

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Carols Round the Tree Sunday 17th December

JOIN local church groups led by the Prayerhouse, on behalf of Refresh, for some traditional Christmas music and carols around the town's Christmas tree in New Bond Street.
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Pupils become eco champions of the next generation

POUNDBURY'S only school has joined in the Refill scheme which aims to help reduce the number of single use plastic bottles.

Those who sign up to the scheme agree to fill individual's water bottles for free, encouraging people to have a reusable water bottle rather than reaching for a disposable plastic one.

The project is locally being run by Litter Free Coast and Sea, who have been working with Damers First School Eco Club, and Dorset County Council Sustainable Schools to get Poundbury refilling.

Charlie Wild, Litter Free Coast & Sea Project Officer, explains: "Refill is a great way to get people aware of reducing their single use plastic. It's also great from a health aspect, encouraging people to drink more water. We've found that a lot of businesses already offer this as a service, and many are keen to promote what they are already doing. Refills are free, but we often find people purchasing something else like cake or coffee at the same time. For businesses, it helps reduce their rubbish and recycling, whilst showing customers that they have an invested interest in the local environment."

Damers First School got involved after being inspired by National Recycling Week in September, during which the school held a special recycling assembly and all children took part in learning about the impact of waste in the environment. Four children had the chance to go to London to meet Mark Janovich, CEO of Delphis Eco who launched the first 100 per cent UK Post-Consumer Recycled Bottle. They also had the chance to meet Prince Charles's Sustainability Officer at Clarence House, who spoke about Prince Charles's Plastic Ocean work. Edd Moore, Eco Club coordinator, said: "From all this the children wanted to do their bit locally to help cut down on the use of plastic that can cause so much harm to the environment and marine wildlife."

■ Eco club members at Damers First School in Poundbury

The Eco Club wrote to local businesses in Poundbury, explaining about the Refill scheme, and why it was important to get involved. After one afternoon, they had signed up 18 businesses, with more wanting to get involved since.

Alison Jay, Sustainable Schools Project Officer at Dorset County Council, said: '"This brilliant scheme will make a real difference locally and to the environment. It just shows what a group of confident and knowledgeable children can achieve. They are just the sort of champions the world needs, and a great example of an Eco-School working in the wider community to make a difference."

There are now over 100 Refill stations in Dorset, ranging from venues such as cafes and coffee shops, to a publishing company and estate agents.

Charlie Wild said: "Single use plastic bottles are still one of the most common items of litter we find on litter picks and beach cleans. It is a simple switch that will make a big difference – both here in Dorset, and further afield."

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Recognition for providing the best childcare in Dorset

DEDICATED staff working with young children in Dorset have been praised for their commitment at the annual Early Years and Childcare Awards ceremony organised by Dorset County Council.

The ceremony recognised nurseries, pre-schools and childminders that have been rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted over the last year. Awards were also given to individuals who have shown their commitment to improving education and care of children by gaining graduate Early Years Teacher Status and early years degrees.

The event was held at Hethfelton House, an education centre and events venue near Bovington which is run to support the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, a charity set up in memory of Monkey World's founder. The charity's Chief Executive, Shelley Fletcher, spoke at the event about some of the similarities between caring for primates and children. This included issues such as bullying and neglect, but also encouraging communication and friendships.

Deborah Croney, Cabinet member for Economy, Education, Learning and Skills at Dorset County Council said: "I am thrilled that so many dedicated staff have been recognised with these awards. With these devoted practitioners working with children in Dorset, we can really influence children's emotional, social and intellectual development."

Patrick Myers, Assistant Director for Children's Services presented the awards, and said "We know from research that children who attend high quality childcare achieve better outcomes at school and into adulthood, so this is why it's so important that settings and individuals are recognised when they exceed the standards and qualifications required". Those who collected an awards are:

The outstanding childminders with their awards

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Christmas in Lyme Regis

Lyme Regis Lights Up for Christmas

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

THE steep and idyllic setting of Broad Street in Lyme Regis lends itself to creating one of the prettiest Christmas lights displays on the south coast.

Residents eagerly await the big switch-on each year – the official start of Christmas in Lyme Regis – and the impressive display seems to continuously out-do itself, with more and more people come each year to see the lights twinkling above Lyme's Georgian architecture.

The ever-improving display has become the true legacy of six-times Mayor of Lyme Regis, the late Barbara Austin MBE. Fed up of Lyme's bleak Christmas illuminations, she set up a committee and worked tirelessly to raise thousands of pounds each year, transforming the town into a winter wonderland.

Since her death shortly after the 2012 switch-on, the Christmas Lights Committee has continued her good work under chairman Christine Lovell, and Barbara has been honoured with a special lantern outside the Royal Lion Hotel.

The big switch-on is always carried out in true Lyme fashion – a parade, Father Christmas, fake snow, jolly festive tunes, warming mulled wine and plenty of "oohs" and "ahhs". Even the grumpiest of Scrooges will struggle not to get into the Christmas spirit!

This year's festivities will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Children are invited to join in a Christmas lantern-making workshop at the Baptist Church Hall starting at 3pm, or to bring along their pre-made creations for the annual lantern competition and parade.

Judging of lanterns will be held after the workshop at 4.30pm and the parade, including Father Christmas and Lyme Regis Majorettes, will set off down Broad Street at 5.15pm with the street lighting up as it goes. The big moment will follow with the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, switching on the tree at 5.30pm.

The huge Christmas tree which stands at the bottom of Broad Street tops off the festive display and will be the focal point as the traditional 'Carols Round the Tree' service is held on Saturday, December 23rd from 7pm, with songs led by Lyme Regis Town Band.

The carol service is a festive favourite among residents and visitors, and has been held by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis for 58 years.

The Rotary Club will also be holding their annual Christmas street collection in both Lyme Regis and Charmouth on December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, with funds raised this year going to Dorset charity TheHorseCourse, which helps young people to overcome serious problems, including behavioural issues.

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■ SOME of the winners of the Christmas lantern competition 2016

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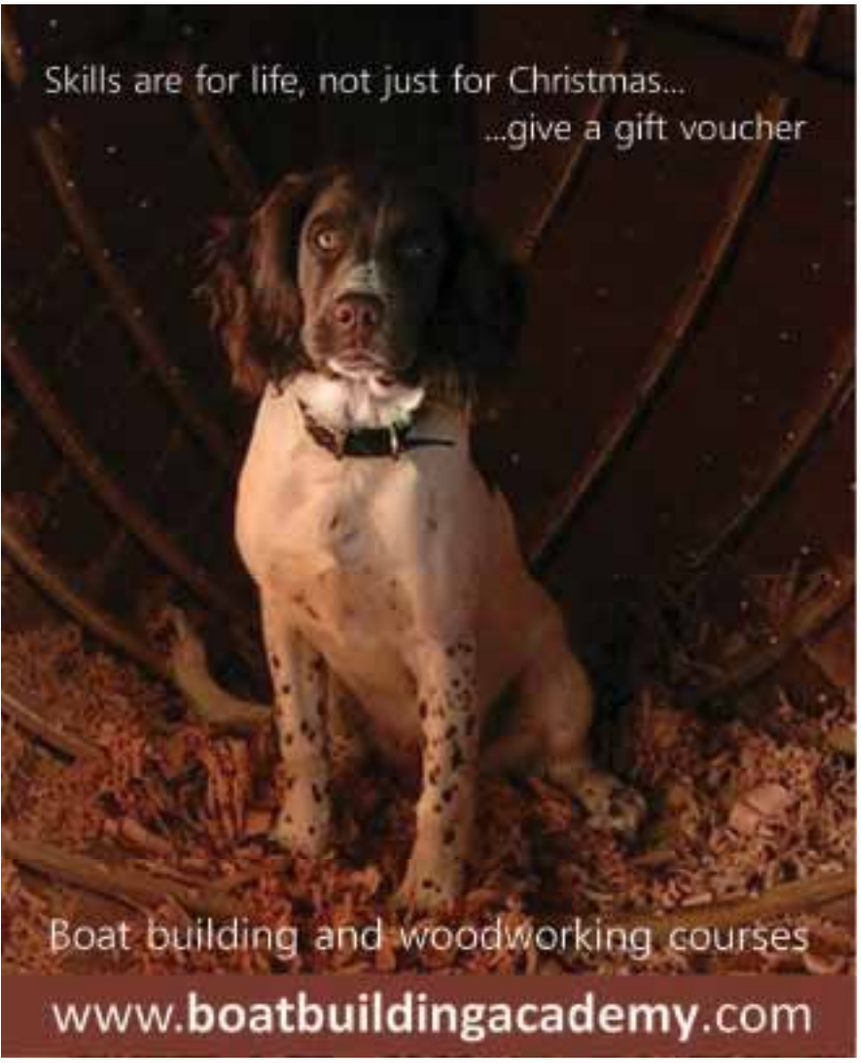
Christmas in Lyme Regis

Boat Building Academy

IT'S BEEN a busy year at the Boat Building Academy on Monmouth Beach. They've exhibited students boats at Country File Live at Blenheim Palace, the Southampton Boat Show and London Craft Week. They gave a talk and workshop on boat building in the inspirational surroundings of Messums Wiltshire. Television cameras visited for an episode of 'Escape to the Country' and Country Life was among the international magazines that published articles about the school on the beach in Lyme Regis. Principal Yvonne Green says '2017 has been a great year for us, but we're looking forward to 2018, when our 38 week boat building course extends to 40 weeks. As part of their training students will spend a week just up the road at local company Rob Perry Marine, where they will learn about marine engines and systems. The first extended course starts in February and it is already fully booked'. Graduates who finished the course in June are now working at, among others, Spirit Yachts, Henley Sales and Charter Ltd, Pendennis and crewing on superyachts. Other students have stayed closer to Lyme Regis. Simon Hawksley has set up a small, specialist yard 'Hawksley Classics' in Bridport where he is building bespoke luxury wooden speed boats. Students who finish the course in November are going to work at Spirit Yachts, Sunseeker and Peter Freebody & Co in Maidenhead, a group of four are setting up 'The Beautiful Boat Company' who will build not only boats but anything people want in wood. Yvonne says 'We're very proud of all the boats and furniture our students have built this year. But we're even prouder of the boat builders and furniture makers that the Academy has built.'



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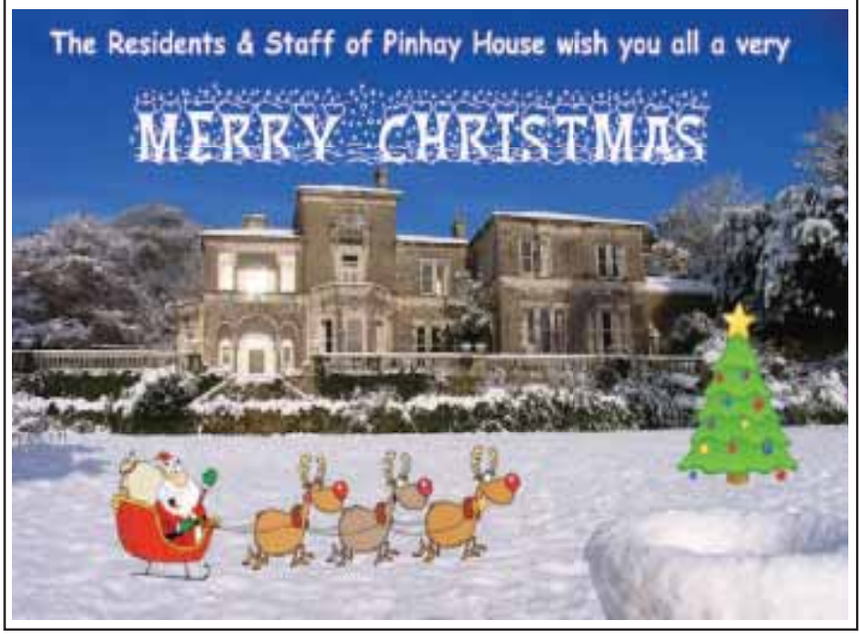

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In addition to the first class restaurant, the bar is also open to non-residents, which now boasts a new gin menu, containing 11 different gins, including Conker Gin from Dorset and the award winning Salcombe Gin from Devon. The menu contains an elderflower & gin liqueur and a rhubarb & gin liqueur, which is fabulous as a cocktail with prosecco – perfect for a festive celebration!

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The Bay

AS THE festive season approaches and the autumnal days get shorter there's nothing better than wrapping up warm, popping on your boots and heading down to Lyme Regis for a bracing walk along the beach. On your travels you may have noticed a change to one of the restaurants on the beach front. Now called The Bay, it's owned and run by the guys who brought you The Stable Pizza restaurants. Big plans are brewing with a total refurb pencilled in for the new year.

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VIEW 2

Flappers, Dappers, Foxtrots and Lindy Hops

Step back to the Roaring 20s at The Lyric this season

THE LYRIC THEATRE in Bridport is stepping back to the glitz and glamour of the 1920s with two events in the run up to Christmas.

On Friday, November 24th, Victoria Hole from the vintage dance troupe Flaming Feathers, will be leading a fun evening workshop in learning to dance the Charleston. She guarantees to have you heel flicking and toe tapping in no time! From 7-9pm, this one-off class will be stylish and full of humour, with music to match that will definitely get your feet swivelling. Suitable for all levels, you will learn 1920s Charleston through a variety of classic moves, and all the dancing is solo so there's no need to bring a partner. The bar will be open (no prohibition here) from 6:30pm, so bring your dancing shoes and a few clams to spend on liquor. Traditional dress is welcomed but not compulsory, just make sure those dancing shoes are comfortable! It's proving popular so book your place in advance at admin@the-lyric.com or 01308 423951. £12 per person.

Then on Saturday, December 16th, the fabulous surrounds of The Lyric Theatre will set the scene of the 1920s prohibition era, in a decadent night of vintage opulence for The Lyric Prohibition Party! A great big knees up wrapping up 2017 in style.

■ DJ Professor Purblind

■ Victoria Hole

The Roaring Twenties was a period of social, artistic and cultural dynamism. The Jazz Age blossomed, the flapper redefined the modern look for women, and the rise of the Speakeasy flourished across the nation. To evoke the spirit of the era, The Gatsby Gang will deliver the best of 1920s jazz, guaranteed to get the chandeliers swinging! Sassy vocalist Rachael Roberts is backed by an all-star cast featuring the legendary Tony Roberts (Saxophone/Clarinet), Richard Llewllyn (guitar), James Budden (double bass) and Marc Juan (percussion). DJ Professor Purblind (from the Gaslight Troubadours) continues the music, spinning some electro-swing to keep the dance floor jumping - and... is that a gramophone he's playing?! Flaming Feathers dancer Victoria Hole will be on hand to inspire our inner flapper and dapper, as she demonstrates dances of the era and performs with the band. From the moment guests arrive on the red carpet, photographer Simon Emmett will be snapping reportage-style the stylish party goers who've dressed to impress. There will be a prize for the best dressed! 'Fancy' dress is encouraged but not essential. Perfomer Toby Gascoigne will compere the evening (some of you may remember The Wahoos from The Lyric's festive event a few years ago - Toby was the highly watchable frontman).

■ Rachael Roberts of the Gatsby Gang

The Lyric prohibition bar will be sure to quench your festive thirsts with a range of quaffable delights including cocktails, fizz and liquor. So round up a group and come celebrate the festive season in fabulous style! Perfect for your Christmas do, whether work or social!

Tickets are £15 in advance or £17 on the door, available from Bridport Tourist Information Centre: 01308 424901 / online at www.bridportandwestbay.co.uk, and in person at BearKat Bistro. The event starts at 8pm.

Lucy Stevens brings *Whattalife!* to Dorchester

LUCY Stevens brings her one woman play with music Whattalife! to Dorchester Arts on Sunday, December 3rd. Kathleen Ferrier was one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century. Whattalife! tells her story from her debut as a singer in 1940, her meteoric rise and her tragic death in 1953.

■ Lucy Stevens

Professional actress and contralto, Lucy Stevens has researched and created a unique and totally engaging performance. The text is taken straight from Kathleen's letters and diaries. Sung music from her repertoire is woven through the text.

Whattalife! is the first staged as a dramatisation of Ferrier's life, evoking the spirit of the war and post war years. Just like Kathleen during her short but full life, the show has a great sense of fun and talks straight from the heart.

Tickets are £14 full price or £12 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Bridport Chamber Orchestra's Seasonal Concert

WITH Christmas in sight, the Bridport Chamber Orchestra is giving a concert with a seasonal flavour, including three pieces with really festive themes.

John Tavener's lovely choral piece "The Lamb" and Ireland's beautiful "The Holy Boy" have been arranged for strings and will be played alongside Corelli's Christmas Concerto, with its pastoral slow movement preceded by a vivid musical depiction of an angelic host.

The concert also includes Vivaldi's Sonata No. V for solo cello and orchestra in which Ruth Lass will take on the lyrical solo cello part, Holst's St Paul's Suite and Mozart's famous Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.

Music critic Bruce Upton said of the BCO's most recent concert: "What a sound! And what happy music! This concert was a truly epic way to close the orchestra's summer season."

What better way could you spend a winter afternoon than hearing sparkling music and enjoying the orchestra's famous home-made cakes and teas.

The concert takes place at the United Church, Bridport, on Sunday, November 26th, 3pm – tickets available on the door, school children free entry.

The Bridport Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Arturo Serna
Leader: Alexandra Ennis

Autumn Concert

THE UNITED CHURCH, BRIDPORT
SUNDAY 26th November at 3 pm

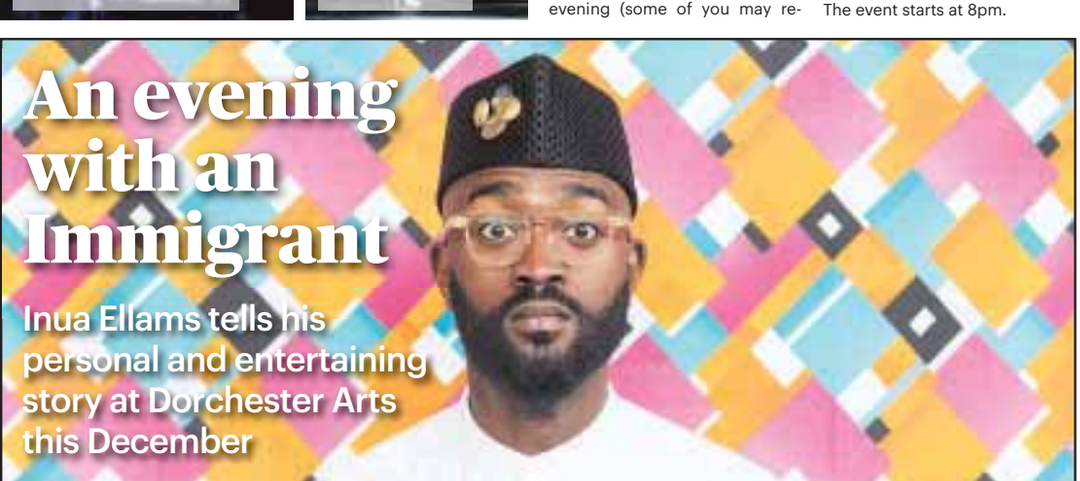
Cello Soloist: Ruth Lass

Holst - St Paul's Suite
Mozart - Serenade K 525 - Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
Corelli- Christmas Concerto
Vivaldi - Sonata for Cello & String Orchestra
Tavener - The Lamb
Ireland - The Holy Boy

Tickets £10 from the Bridport Music Centre and on the door. Student admission free. Refreshments available after the concert. Registered Charity No XT13407

An evening with an Immigrant

Inua Ellams tells his personal and entertaining story at Dorchester Arts this December



INUA Ellams is a poet, playwright and a performer. He brings himself, a microphone, a stool, a poem stand and his story, An Evening With An Immigrant to Dorchester Arts on Friday, December 1st at 8pm.

Born to a Muslim father and a Christian mother in what is now considered by many to be Boko Haram territory, in 1996 award-winning poet and playwright Inua Ellams left Nigeria for England aged 12, moved to Ireland for three years, before returning to London and starting work as a writer and graphic designer.

Part of this story was documented in his hilarious autobiographical Edinburgh Fringe First Award-winning play *The 14th Tale*, but much of it is untold. Littered with poems, stories and anecdotes, Inua will tell his ridiculous, fantastic, poignant immigrant-story of escaping fundamentalist Islam, directing an arts festival at his college in Dublin, performing solo shows at the National Theatre, and drinking wine with the Queen of England, all the while without a country to belong to or place to call home.

Tickets are £12 full price or £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

Light up a life with Weldmar Hospicecare

WELDMAR Hospicecare will host their annual Light up a Life services in November and December.

Every year, thousands of people remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones through lights sponsored in their name. Light up a Life is for everyone – not only for the many patients and families Weldmar has helped.

The annual appeal enables families, friends, and supporters of Weldmar to give donations in memory of a loved one. It raises vital funds for Weldmar's work by encouraging people to dedicate a light on one of the trees in memory of those who have died.

Val Gratton of Lyme Regis will be attending her third Light up a Life event, which is one of six held around the area.

Val said "For me it's not about remembering someone, as Mickie is always in my thoughts. It gives you the chance to press the pause button, when you are so busy before Christmas with shopping and buying presents. We all have our traditions at Christmas and when you have lost someone you have to make new traditions, as there's a big hole where that person used to be."

The event Val attends in Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens features a string quartet, with readings and carols. She has attended since 2015, when she lost Mickie to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD).The pair had been married for more than 40 years and had three daughters together.

Weldmar became involved with them in 2014, when Mickie was starting to deteriorate and Val says the staff and volunteers were 'amazing' in caring for them both.

They had a volunteer coming in to offer therapy to help him relax, and community nurses would visit. He stayed at the hospice twice, and 'felt happy and safe' despite being prone to terrible panic attacks.

Val said: "The hospice moved us into a larger room, and our daughters came with the babies. The room gave us the chance to be normal, to chat about ordinary things surrounded by baby paraphernalia and just be a family. They were so considerate. Light up a Life gives you a chance to reflect on that person who's not going to be there. You share similar emotions to everyone there and that is reassuring and comforting."

The services will take place in November and December, as this is often the time when the feelings of loss are strongest. The services are a combination of readings and singing of carols which are supported by local community musicians and singers.

Everyone for whom a donation is made is remembered through the lights that will shine on one of Weldmar's special trees; and their names will be recorded in the charity's 2017 Book of Remembrance.

Caroline Hamblett, Weldmar's Chief Executive said: "If you are missing someone this Christmas, our services offer a way to remember them in the most magical and moving way, by lighting up the memory of their life. Your continued support enables us to be here to provide vital services to local people at the time when they need us most."

More details of all the services and of how to dedicate a light to those you wish to remember can be found online at the website www.weld-hospice.org.uk/lightupalife or by calling 01305 261800.

The services will be held on:

Wednesday, November 29th
Castle Gardens, Sherborne – 6.30pm

Thursday, November 30th
Orchard Park Garden Centre, Gillingham – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 3rd
Holme for Gardens, Wareham – 4pm

Tuesday, December 5th
Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester – 6.30pm

Sunday, December 10th
Hope Square, Brewer's Quay, Weymouth – 4.30pm

Tuesday, December 12th
Abbotsbury Subtropical Gardens – 4.30pm

There will be a prayer of remembrance and dedication during the Parish Carol Service in St Michael's Church, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 17th at 4pm.

Joglaresa

The Enchantress of Seville

FOLLOWING their visit to Dorchester last Christmas, Joglaresa, Belinda Sykes' groundbreaking medieval music ensemble, return on Sunday, November 26th at 2.30pm. They will be exploring the roots of Iberian song - motets from the Convent of Las Huelgas, Arab-Andalusian ballads and Judeo-Spanish romanzas.

With medieval and traditional instruments from Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, Joglaresa perform songs kept alive through centuries of tradition - a colourful and timeless kaleidoscope connecting the Occident to the Orient, and the 11th to the 21st century.

Tickets are £15 full price or £13 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am-4pm) or via the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

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Light up a Life

LIGHTING UP MEMORIES
FOR THOSE WE MISS

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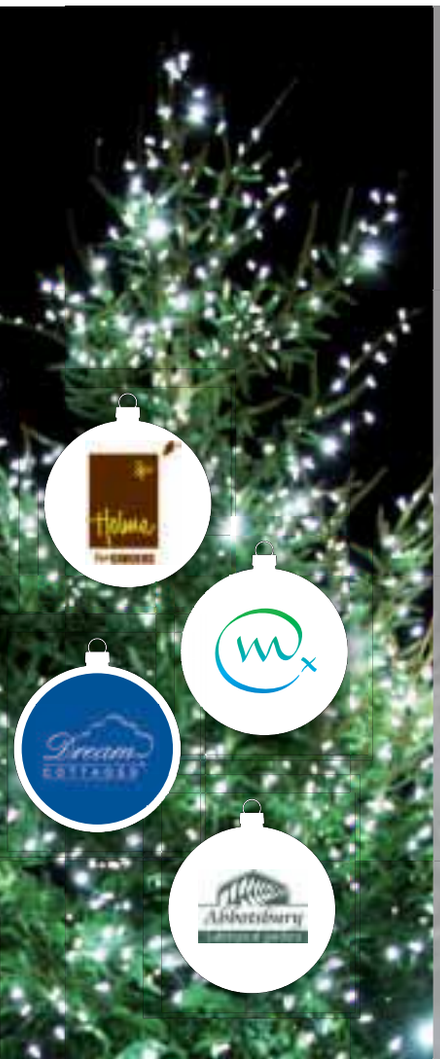

Lighting up Services 2017

Sunday 3rd December
Holme for Gardens
Wareham - 4pm

Tuesday 5th December
Joseph Weld Hospice
Dorchester - 6.30pm

Sunday 10th December
Hope Square, Brewers Quay
Weymouth - 4.30pm

Tuesday 12th December
Abbotsbury Subtropical
Gardens - 4.30pm

Everyone Welcome

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The Little Match Girl, a warming tale for winter

LONDON. Christmas Eve. The snow is falling. A little girl struggles fiercely through the cold. We follow her throughout the day as she encounters the funny and zany characters of the vibrant city streets.

In an attempt to stay warm she strikes a match. The flame blazes to life, illuminating fantastic Christmas visions. We meet talking turkeys, dancing rats, Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their chattering Christmas tree.

In this touching, madcap and heartwarming Christmas show, The Last Baguette use visual story telling, live music and puppetry to shine a light on Hans Christian Andersen's classic winter tale.

The Last Baguette are company in residence at Pound Arts, Corsham and the theatre they make is entertaining, accessible and eccentric. They have performed in the UK, France, Switzerland and Canada.

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The Little Match Girl is a family Christmas show; it tells the story of Alice, a match seller in Victorian London. We meet her in the morning and follow her throughout her day, as she encounters funny and zany characters on the vibrant city streets. When Alice is cold, she strikes a match and the stage transforms. We enter the fantastic world of Alice's imagination, with talking turkeys, dancing rats, and Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's first winter together, along with their chattering Christmas tree. You will laugh, care and maybe cry a little for the tale of this small fierce girl.

The Little Match Girl will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, December 22nd at 2pm. Tickets are available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

■ The Last Baguette theatre company present The Little Match Girl

Secret Art Sale this Saturday

GRAB a unique artwork at the fraction of it's value and support your local gallery at The Secret Art Sale on Saturday, November 25th from 10am.

You can get original artwork by esteemed artists for just £50 at the Art Centre's third annual visual arts fundraiser.

The Arts Centre's theatre will be filled with work from artists from around the UK who have donated original artworks to raise vital funds to support our visual arts programme.

Join us and try and find artists you know, or whose work you have admired for a long time!

All artworks are 8x10inches and will be sold for the affordable price of £50.

Amongst the artists exhibiting will be professionals who have exhibited at Sladers Yard, The RWA and Black Swan Gallery in Frome and the Arts Centre's Allsop Gallery to name a few.

"This is a rare chance to buy a piece of art for an affordable price. With so many talented artists donating work, it's also an oppotunity to discover something that you will love having in your home. The work that has been delivered is an inspiration. The Arts Centre is one of the only free exhibiting spaces in the region and all funds from this sale go back to running the Arts Centre".

Internationally acclaimed singers to perform at Christmas concert

TWO internationally acclaimed singers, Philippa Hyde and Paul Esswood, will join Lyme Bay Chorale as Patrons and will sing in the Christmas Concert, taking place on Sunday, December 3rd at 4.30pm.

Tickets for the concert are £15 on the door or £13 in advance to include LBC's famous post concert buffet from Lyme Regis TIC, Penny Blacks Tea Room and from choir members. Under 19s free. Ticket includes the buffet.

Philippa will also give a Vocal Masterclass on Saturday, December 2nd from 2-4pm at St Michael's Church. The cost for the Masterclass is £15. Retiring collection for the audience.

Cantamus presents a programme of beautiful music for Christmastide

AS PART of the popular Hawkchurch Christmas Tree Festival, Cantamus will be performing at St John the Baptist Church, Hawkchurch on Tuesday, December 19th at 7.30pm (tickets £8 from Hawkchurch Community Shop or on the door). Last year the church was full to capacity, so music lovers are advised to buy tickets in advance.

The programme, 'Music for Christmastide', comprises more than 20 songs with a Christmas or advent theme, so there's sure to be something for everyone. There are works from the last six centuries, from an arrangement of the 15th-century 'Boar's head carol', and the 16th-century Spanish 'Riu, riu, chiu', to the upbeat, modern 'De virgine Maria', written in 2014 by Carl Rütti. The programme also includes a selection of pieces by the English composer Peter Warlock – 'The first mercy', 'Balulalow' and 'Bethlehem Down' – and two movements from Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

Cantamus was formed in 2012 and gives three series of concerts each year across the area. The choir's musical director, Malcolm Knowles, is also an established singer and arranger, and his treatment of 'Baby born today' is included in the second half of the programme.

Cantamus will also be performing at St Mary Magdalene, Loders, DT6 3 RZ on Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm (tickets £10 on the door); and also at a charity carol concert at St Mary's Church, Dorchester DT1 2HL on Wednesday, December 6th at 6.30pm. The event is in aid of Footprints (www.footprintsproject.co.uk).

For more details of the choir's activities please visit www.cantamus-dorset.org

■ Cantamus

Live Gigs

Friday 24 November
Marine Theatre,Lyme Regis
Money for Nothing
8pm. £16/£18

Saturday 25 November
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Crown Inn, Bridport
K2 9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
West & Black

Thursday 30 December
Marine Theatre,Lyme Regis
Ben Waters Band
8pm. £18

Saturday 2 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio
9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Sky Lizard

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Stompin' Dave and Sam Kelly
8pm. £14/£12

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar 8pm. Free entry

Saturday 9 December
Crown Inn, Bridport
Goliath 9.30pm. Free

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Relics

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, November 18th compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Kraftwerk
2. Bob Dylan
3. Simon & Garfunkel
4. Depeche Mode
5. Jose Feliciano
6. Black Uhuru
7. Pearl Jam
8. Miles Davis
9. It's A Beautiful Day
10. Blur

www.clocktowermusic.co.uk

VIEW2 TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Authentic Americana from Back to the Shack

BACK TO THE SHACK play a heady brew of foot-stomping blues and classic Americana, all performed in their own distinct style. With Izi Onslow on vocals and percussion, Axel Keim on dobro and guitar, Brett Nevill on double bass, and Julian Phillips on vocals and accordion, they are quickly establishing themselves as one of the most entertaining bands on the scene, and will be bringing their unique style to the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café on Frida, December 8th.

Julian Phillips began playing at the age of ten but he was fourteen before he became aware of boogie woogie. He began to teach himself how to play, listening to and interpreting the music of Jimmy Yancey, Montana Taylor, Leroy Carr, "Cripple" Clarence Lofton and Clarence "Pinetop" Smith. Julian is well known for playing his accordion, an instrument that blends seamlessly with the swing and rhythm of the music. His love and knowledge of the music is infectious and whether playing solo or performing with other musicians, his enjoyment of the music shines through.

Julian has played in concerts and festivals in Europe and America and is highly esteemed by his fellow players. As a teacher, Julian has inspired many young people to follow his example (many of them playing at the UK Boogie Woogie Festival, held annually on the first weekend in July), which is a real tribute to his talent, enthusiasm and love of boogie woogie.

Izi Onslow has been performing boogie and blues for the past two years. During that time she has appeared at numerous events and festivals both in the UK and abroad, and has performed with some of the top musicians on the international blues scene including Big John Carter, Carl 'Sonny' Leyland, Jo Schumacher, David Giorcelli and Ster Wax.

Izi is a frequent collaborator with Julian, and her education in boogie and blues continues to expand. Drawing influences from a broad range of artists from Memphis Minnie to Big Mama Thornton, she is swiftly developing a style that is entirely her own.

■ Back to the Shack

Back to the Shack play at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, December 8th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Ben's back to boogie

BEN WATERS is one of the world's best loved Boogie Woogie and Blues pianists, and plays with the Rolling Stones and Jools Holland.

Appearing at the Sydney Opera House next year, Ben brings some of the world's most talented musicians to the Marine Theatre to play some foot-tapping Rock 'n Roll, boogie woogie and blues.

Ben Waters plays at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, November 30th at 8pm. Tickets are £18, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

It's just been announced that Ben will be playing at Ronnie Scott's legendary club next year for a string of shows ~ this concert will be a special preview.

Money for Nothing

Top Dire Straits tribute come to

MONEY FOR NOTHING was formed in 2000 as a tribute to one of the world's premier rock bands – Dire Straits.

The energy and musicianship of their performance makes Money For Nothing a "must see" for any rock enthusiast or Dire Straits fan.

Fronting the band is the brilliant guitarist and Mark Knopfler sound-alike Aled Williams. Behind him the line-up features top-class and experienced musicians that make this band a worthy tribute to Dire Straits. Aled and all the band have studied Dire Straits in great depth to re-create their tribute to be as close as possible to the real thing.

Money for Nothing perform 'The Music of Dire Straits' at the Marine Theatre on Friday, November 24th at 8pm. Tickets are £16 in advance or £18 on the door, available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

■ Money for Nothing

The Nag's Head
Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312
FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Saturday 25th November, 9pm
WEST & BLACK
Saturday 2nd December, 9pm
SKY LIZARD
Saturday 9th December, 9pm
RELICS
Sunday 10th December, 4pm
SIMPLE CHAOS
www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

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Andy Grant Trio Saturday 2nd Dec, 9.30pm
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Sat 25, 17.30 Liverpool v Chelsea BT Sport
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Bristol Jazz duo Charlie + Jake return to Lyme

Charlie+Jake

CHARLIE + JAKE are a Bristol based vocal and piano/ bass duo, combining soulful originals with well-loved jazz standards. Mixing powerful vocals with melodic improvisations they share stories of love, friendship and sense of place, and they will be performing as part of the Marine Theatre's intimate "Jazz in the Bar" series on Sunday, December 10th.

Both studied at Royal Holloway, University of London; there Charlie trained as a classical singer but since then has been pursuing her passion for jazz, and has been singing with big bands for the past four years. Since graduating in 2015 she has been taught by Laurie Holloway, Becki Biggins, Ruth Royall, Victoria Klewin and Beth Rowley.

Jake studied creative sound design and is passionate about exploring new ways of incorporating found sounds and mixed soundscapes into their jazz compositions. Charlie + Jake's latest project has involved collaborating with a group of Bristol poets, transforming their work into poetry-jazz fusions. The project is called Echoes and Edges and is testament to Charlie + Jake's wide ranging musical interests.

They have been performing together for around 18 months and will be showcasing some original songs from their upcoming EP, scheduled for release in early 2018, as well as a selection of popular jazz classics. After performing at the Lyme Regis Jazz and Blues Weekend this year, Charlie + Jake can't wait to be back in Lyme - a place that has always been close to their hearts.

Charlie+Jake play at Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis, on Sunday, December 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 and £10, available by calling 01297 442138 or online via the website at www.marinetheatre.com

All aboard the Polar Express!

COMPLETE the magic this Christmas and climb aboard The Polar Express at Seaton Tramway! Don't miss your chance to travel with the Conductor and his Dancing Chefs to the 'North Pole' as you relive everyone's favourite Christmas Film. Indulge in in Hot Chocolate and Cookies along the way, sing and dance to festive songs, all whilst wearing your favourite pyjamas! Plus visit Santa and his workshop, mingle with his mischievous Elves and receive your first gift of Christmas! "Well ya comin'?... All aboard the Polar Express!

The Polar Express Tram Ride will be departing from 1st-3rd, 8th-10th and 15th-24th December, with departing times between 14:00-19:45 on selected dates. Fares start from £21.95 each for Adults, £17.95 each for Children (3-15 years) and under 3 go FREE.

Booking fast so contact us at www.tram.co.uk or call Seaton Tramway 01297 20375.

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THE BIG SCREEN

This week's releases

DADDY'S HOME 12A
HAVING finally gotten used to each other's existence, Brad and Dusty must now deal with their intrusive fathers during the holidays.
Stars Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson and John Lithgow.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES 12A
THE true story of the 1973 tennis match between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and serial hustler Bobby Riggs.
Stars Emma Stone, Steve Carrell and Andrea Riseborough.

THE STAR U
A SMALL but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.
Animated adventure with voices from Steven Yeun, Keegan-Michael Key and Aidy Bryant.

SUBURBICON 15
IN Suburbicon, a family-centred, all-white utopia of manicured lawns and friendly locals, a simmering tension is brewing, as the first African-American family moves in the hot summer of 1959. However, as the patriarch Gardner Lodge and his family start catching a few disturbing glimpses of the once welcoming neighbourhood's dark underbelly.
Stars Matt Damon, Julianne Moore and Oscar Isaac.

Cinema Listings

(all listings subject to change)
Fri, Nov 24th to Thu, Nov 30th

DORCHESTER PLAZA
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www.plazadorchester.com

Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.45, 20.15
Sat & Sun: 17.00, 20.15
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.30, 15.15, 20.45
Sat & Sun: 10.00, 12.30, 15.45, 20.45
Tue: 12.30, 15.15
Justice League 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 11.30, 14.15, 17.30, 20.00
Sat & Sun: 15.00, 17.45, 20.00
Tue: 13.15, 16.15, 20.00
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 18.00
Sat & Sun: 18.15
Paddington 2 PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 11.45, 14.30, 17.15, 20.30
Sat: 9.30, 12.00, 14.30, 17.15, 21.00
Sun: 9.45, 12.15, 15.00, 17.30, 21.00
The Star U
Daily: 12.15, 17.45
plus Sat & Sun: 10.00am

DORCHESTER ODEON
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www.odeon.co.uk

Daddy's Home 2 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 12.00, 14.45, 17.15, 19.45
Tue, Thu: 11.45, 15.15, 17.15, 19.45
Justice League 12A
Fri-Mon, Wed: 12.15, 15.00, 17.45, 20.30
Tue: 12.15, 20.30
Thu: 12.15, 17.45, 20.30
Murder on the Orient Express 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 11.45am
Olaf's Frozen Adventure PG
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
Paddington 2 PG
Fri-Mon, Wed, Thu: 15.30, 18.15, 20.45
plus Sat & Sun: 12.45
Tue: 14.15, 16.45, 18.15

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www.bridport-arts.com

Whiskey Galore PG Sun: 15.00
The Last Word 15 Thu: 19.30

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A Bad Mom's Christmas 15
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.00, 15.30, 18.30, 21.00
Sat & Sun: 18.30, 21.00
Tue: 12.00, 15.30, 20.40
Battle of the Sexes 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.30, 14.30, 17.20, 20.10
Sat & Sun: 11.40, 14.30, 17.20, 20.10
Daddy's Home 2 12A
Daily: 12.50, 15.20, 17.50, 20.20
Justice League in 2D 12A
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Suburbicon 15
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Sat & Sun: 18.15, 20.30
The Star U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.00
Sat & Sun: 11.30, 13.45, 16.00
Thor: Ragnarok in 2D 12A
Fri, Thu: 12.50, 20.40
Sat & Sun: 20.40
Mon-Wed: 12.50

Camp Bestival sets sail in 2018

A LIFE on the ocean wave is the one for us, so Team CB are very excited indeed to reveal that our theme for 2018 is Camp Bestival Sets Sail! Kicking off the summer holidays in style, we'll be cruising through Lulworth Castle on the Jurassic Coast from July 26th-29th. So, hop aboard, pull up the gangplank and prepare for departure to the biggest fancy dress party ever on a voyage of festi-holiday fun fit for all the family.

Camp Bestival skipper Rob da Bank says: "Ahoy there! Being a sailor boy myself and growing up by the sea I'm pretty in love with our theme for 2018, and the old da Bank brain is racing with ideas for outfits and accessories already. Hopefully kids of all ages will get into this one and help us steer HMS Camp Bestival through the calm seas of Camp Besti next year! Right I'm off to splice the mainbrace and have a cheeky tot of rum!"

And with the lookout in our crow's nest spying Yuletide on the horizon, don't miss out on this year's Camp Bestival Christmas Promotion and bring some cheer to your Christmas table. Order your tickets at Early Bird prices before December 11th and you'll receive some fantastic Camp Bestival Stocking-Fillers. Brimming with unique trinkets and treasure for your mini deck-hands, stocking-fillers include temporary nautical tattoos, brand-new Camp Bestival character stickers, a hand-illustrated Christmas card and a limited edition sew on patch.

Be sure all your mermaids and sailors join us as we sail the seven seas of entertainment. From the ultimate in family shows and kids' TV sensations, to legends of rock and pop and the freshest haul of up and coming acts, we're guaranteed to have something special that floats your boat.

Naturally, we've got top notch facilities at the finest family campsite around but if you really want to push the boat out, our flagship premium camping experiences including Camping Plus, Backstage Camping and Hospitality Camping are on sale now, too – they're already selling like hotcakes, so don't miss out!

So, what are you waiting for? Head to Ticketline and grab your tickets now and take part in the very best family festival ever.

And never fear shipmates, if you've already ordered your tickets for 2018, you can still claim your amazing Camp Bestival stocking fillers. Simply fill out the form you'll find at bit.ly/2AXB1Ev before November 30th and all will be shipshape and Bristol fashion.

The 2018 line-up will be revealed imminently, so watch this space for exciting news coming soon.

Climate8 Fitness
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New Beginner Fitness Classes starting in West Dorset week beginning 20th November 2017.
All ages welcome.
Improve your fitness in a fun & relaxed environment
Bridport Youth Centre - Mondays 10am - 11am
Thursdays 5pm - 6pm
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UNTIL WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

LYME REGIS: Paths of Light is a solo exhibition of inspiring paintings of local landscapes by Irina Song. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

ROUSDON: Combpyne Rousdon Social Club, Annual Turkey Bingos, held at Peek Hall. Half time hot dogs and pasties, tea coffee and bar. Doors open 7pm eyes down at 8pm. any queries, call 01297 443235 Come and have some bingo fun!

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society will be holding our Annual General Meeting, in Uplyme Village Hall at 7:30pm. The AGM will be followed at 8pm by a talk, given by Ben Candlin. The AGM is an important fixture in our year - several key members of the Committee are standing down, and new recruits are needed to help run the Society over the coming year. Please do not hesitate to come forward, as more hands make lighter work. Tea and biscuits will be available before and after the meeting, and non-members are welcome at a charge of £3.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23RD

DORCHESTER: Seminar: 'Is gender significant?' at Dorchester Community Church, Acland Road, 7-9pm. For those questioning their gender, supporting others who are struggling in this area, and anyone who is curious and would like to understand more. Hosted by DCC with Christian counsellor and psychotherapist David Sinclair.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

LYME REGIS: Friends of Lyme Regis Museum host the launch of Peter Lacey's new book 'Elizabethan Lyme Regis with a biography of Sir George Somers' at the Woodmead Hall. 6.45pm for 7pm start. Admission £2 to cover costs. Bar will be open. For more details call 01297 443156.

BRIDPORT: Fanny Hatstand's Roving Folk Club perform at Chapel in the Garden, Bridport. Featuring Adam Beattie, and Rum Buffalo. Doors 8pm, music 8.30pm. Tickets £8. For more details visit www.fannyhatstand.com

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

FRI NOV 24TH - WEDS DEC 13TH

LYME REGIS: In perfect timing for holiday shopping, the Town Mill's Malthouse Gallery will be full of festive paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, pottery, textiles, jewellery and books by local artists who are members of Town Mill Arts in their annual Winter Art Fair. Open daily 10.30-4.30. Free admission. The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

BRIDPORT: St Swithun's Christmas Fayre with a Dickensian theme, 12–2pm North Allington Bridport with a soup and bread roll lunch, tea, coffee and cakes, lots of vintage bargains and present ideas.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Blind Club Coffee Morning with stalls, including Bric-a-brac, Books, Cakes, Plants, Raffle etc. 10am-12noon in United Church Hall. Any donations of items for sale/for raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Call 459001 for collection.

BOTHENHAMPTON: Back by popular request Papagena will be in concert at Holy Trinity Church, Bothenhampton. The programme titled "The Darkest Midnight" is a concert of Medieval, Celtic and Contemporary Carols with finger buffet. Concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets £12 each available from The Music Shop, South Street or Ro 01308 459259.

BRIDPORT: Withy and Paper Lantern Making Workshops for Grandparents and Grandchildren, at the Bridport Town Hall. Make your own lanterns to parade in the NEW illuminated procession at this years Bridport Christmas Cheer to lead Father Christmas into town £3 a lantern. 10am-12noon. Please book via Mickey 01460 432858.

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Singers' Autumn Concert at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church. The programme features Hummel's Mass in B flat, Stanford's The Revenge and excerpts from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The choir is joined by professional soloists and orchestra and conducted by their Musical Director, Hilary Kenway. Tickets at £12 are available from the Church Office and Yarn Barton in Beaminster or on line at www.beaminstersingers.org

BOTHENHAMPTON: Papagena present The Darkest Midnight a programme of medieval, celtic and contemporary carols at Holy Trinity Church, Bothenhampton at 7 p.m. Tickets £12 available from Bridport Music or Ro 01308 459259.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Blind Club Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy at United Church Hall on 10.00-12.00. Cakes , Books, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle stalls etc. Any donations contact 459001 for collection.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH & SUN 26TH

CHARMOUTH: Jurassic Art and Craft Fayre at Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. 10.30 - 4.30. Opportunity to buy unique gifts made by local artists and makers - including knitted and stitched items, glass, turned wood, pottery, jewellery, paintings, textiles and Christmas decorations. Heritage Centre and Gift Shop open as normal.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

LODERS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Sunday 7pm at Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA

LODERS: Ballroom & Latin Social Dance evening every Sunday 8pm - 10:30pm Loders Village Hall DT6 3SA

WEYMOUTH: South Dorset Caledonian Society is holding a St Andrews Supper Dance at the URC Hall, Radipole, at 6.30 for 7pm. 2-course sit down meal (BYO drinks). Raffle. Dancing 8-11 to the music of John Hickman. Tickets £10 (£5 for accompanied children) from the Secretary, 4 St Patricks Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 9EQ. (Cheques made payable to "South Dorset Caledonian Society".) Net proceeds shared 50:50 with DCH LINAC Appeal.

CROSSWAYS: Christmas Fair, Free entry and lots of stalls and things going on, Homemade cakes and food at our cafe, Teddy Tombola, Raffle and a visit from the big man himself in his own grotto. Just £3 per child to visit Santa where they can have a chat, have pictures taken and deliver their list (include a return address within Crossways area and they will get a reply) and also leave with a parcel and sweets. 10am-4pm.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Join us with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8. Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk

BRIDPORT: Hula Hoop and Core Class, Bridport Youth Club, Gundry Lane, 6.30-7.30pm. £5 Adults £3.50 kids, call 07585 356929

WYKE REGIS: Beginners Ballroom/Latin Class Every Monday 8pm - 9:20pm Wyke Regis Memorial Hall DT4 9EX

BRIDPORT: 'Slavery, Dorset & West Dorset Connections' - talk by Jane Ferentzi Sheppard. At the Bridport United Church Hall, East Street, 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset). Non-members most welcome. Admission £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For more details call 01308 863577.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Society hosting a joint meeting with Dorset Wildlife Trust entitled: 'Whose who? Using Photo-identification to onitor South West Dolphin populations'. Illustrated talk given by Rachel Davies, Conservation Science Manager at Marine Life. At Woodmead Halls, 2.30pm. All welcome, members free, visitors £3, including refreshments.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

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MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 281882.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club: Competition: 'Landscape', judged by Ginny Campbell. 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 281561.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Gallery Carols with the Ridgeway Singers. 'To keep wold Christmas up'. At St John's Church, 7.30pm. Conducted by Phil Humphries, leader Tim Laycock. Admission £8, under 18s £4. For more details and to book call 01308 482443.

Two by Two

TWO of the area's professional actors take to the stage at Loders Village Hall, as they near the end of a Dorset tour of nine venues in all. 'TWO' by Jim Cartwright of *'Road'* and *'The Rise and Fall of Little Voice'* fame, is set in a northern pub in the late 1980s. The actors, Julie Wood of Bridport and Fraser Wilson of Gillingham, play all fourteen parts in this darkly funny and poignant play. They are the landlady and landlord sweet-talking the customers while biting each other's heads off, and the dozen regulars who come in and out during the evening. A review in Time Out magazine called it a play with 'broad humour,dry wit and often shudderingly moving poetry'.

Fraser and Julie both have experience in theatre, television and film, and met while performing together with Equity.

They chose to tour village halls because of their intimacy which they felt fitting for the play, and because of the culture-loving communities present in Dorset's villages. Julie is particularly happy at playing in Loder's as she has long had an association with the school there; she has taught drama and dance there for many years and written, directed and produced a number of school plays performed in the village hall.

On the last leg of the tour, TWO is at Chetnole Village Hall on November 22nd, Buckland Newton Village Hall on November 23rd, Loders Village Hall on November 24th, and Motcombe Village Hall on November 25th.

All performances start at 7.30pm. For tickets and more information email juliepwood@aol.com or fraserwilson99@hotmail.co.uk. Tickets can also be bought on the door price £9.

■ Jim Cartwright and Julie Wood

National Theatre's Follies on the Gateway's big screen

NEW YORK, 1971. There's a party on the stage of the Weismann Theatre.

Tomorrow the iconic building will be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves.

Including such classic songs as 'Broadway Baby', 'I'm Still Here' and 'Losing My Mind', Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical is staged for the first time at the National Theatre.

Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee and Imelda Staunton play the magnificent Follies in this dazzling new production. Featuring a cast of 37 and an orchestra of 21, it's directed by Dominic Cooke (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*).

Winner of Academy, Tony, Grammy and Olivier Awards, Sondheim's previous work at the NT includes *A Little Night Music*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Sunday in the Park with George*.

This production runs without an interval. This is true to the spirit of how Sondheim intended the piece to be performed.

The performance will be screened at the Gateway, Seaton on Thursday, November at 7pm (doors 6.30pm). Ticket are £12.50 in advance, or £15.00 on the door (if available). For more details or to book call 01297 625699 or website www.thegatewayseaton.co.uk.

The tale of Young Marx

BROADCAST live from The Bridge Theatre, London, the National Theatre production of *Young Marx* is directed by Nicholas Hytner and reunites the creative team behind Broadway and West End hit comedy *One Man, Two Guvnors*.

Rory Kinnear (*The Threepenny Opera, Penny Dreadful, Othello*) is Marx and Oliver Chris (*Twelfth Night, Green Wing*) is Engels, in this new comedy written by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman.

1850, and Europe's most feared terrorist is hiding in Dean Street, Soho. Broke and restless, the thirty-two-year-old revolutionary is a frothing combination of intellectual brilliance, invective, satiric wit, and child-like emotional illiteracy. Creditors, spies, rival revolutionary factions and prospective seducers of his beautiful wife all circle like vultures.

His writing blocked, his marriage dying, his friend Engels in despair at his wasted genius, his only hope is a job on the railway.

But there's still no one in the capital who can show you a better night on the town than Karl Heinrich Marx.

The show will be screened at the Gateway, Seaton, on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm (doors 6.30pm). Ticket are £12.50 in advance, or £15.00 on the door (if available). For more details or to book call 01297 625699 or website www.thegatewayseaton.co.uk.

The Dogs are back in town

BACK BY demand, the amazing Riviera Dogs play again this year for the Gateway's Christmas Party.

The dance floor was packed from start to end. If you came to the last gig you will know what a night we had. If you haven't seen them yet, then get ready and give yourselves a treat.

Now the 80s and 90s were responsible for some truly awful stuff. Neon. Shoulder pads. Mullets.

But despite the questionable fashion choices and horrendous hair you have to admit that were some great tunes and memorable movies. Riviera Dogs are a five-piece band based in South West England delivering a polished set of quality music from the decades that taste forgot.

Members of the Riviera Dogs have performed in some of the most popular and longest running bands in the area but wanted to do something different; to play the music that they loved in their teens, to tackle some more difficult stuff, and to have a good time. Not the easy ones, not the obvious ones, but the ones that will make you go 'oh, I remember this', and will probably lead to gyrating of the trousers and possibly full blown dad dancing.

Riviera Dogs play at the Gateway, Seaton on Saturday, December 2nd at 8pm (doors 7.30pm). Tickets are £13 in advance or £16 on the door (if available). There will be limited seating, and a licensed bar will be available.

For more details or to book tickets call 01297 625699 or visit the website at www.thegatewayseaton.co.uk

■ The Riviera Dogs

Variety is back and it's Slightly Fat

SLIGHTLY Fat Features are a rabble rousing troupe of seven extraordinarily talented gentlemen who proudly pioneer Variety, giving this keystone of Great British entertainment a gloriously refreshing makeover for the 21st century. They will be bringing their unique form of entertainment to Dorchester on Saturday, November 25th at 8pm.

They have won multiple awards for their highly original, chaotic and bizarre cabarets. The timeless shows that they create are stuffed to the seams with astonishing physical skills, orchestrated mayhem and lots of laughs- perfect for a wide ranging audience.

Hard to describe until you witness it live, a genre of live theatre that is rarely seen. Family friendly but not a kids show, hilarious comedy but not a late night adult cabaret. Has to be seen live to be truly understood!

Tickets are £12 full price, £10 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income or £35 for a family ticket (max. 2 adults) and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Members of Live for 5 aged 14 – 25 can buy tickets for £5 (see Dorchester Arts website for details).

■ Slightly Fat Features

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National Theatre Live stream
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Property View

The key to finding your perfect home

Clean up when selling your home

WITH the long winter evenings drawing out and the warmer weather on its way, now is often the time of year people start to consider moving house. But before you start searching for your next potential dream home you should first turn your attention to your own property.

We've all seen the TV shows that promise boost your house value by thousands just by cleaning out the spare room or adding a lick of magnolia paint. However according to estate agent Your Move there is something to be said for a pre-sale spring clean.

Managing director of Your Move David Newnes says: "You might want to start with a spring clean just making a few basic changes to the presentation of your home to a potential buyer can make a world of difference to your house sale. There's usually no need for any major changes, just a commonsense approach."

According to Newnes, the kitchen and bathroom are the two rooms most likely to influence a sale, so pay particular attention to these. "Uncluttered worktops give a better impression and make a kitchen look bigger and don't forget to check all your kitchen cupboard doors are hanging straight and close properly and if necessary, take time to repair them," he says.

There's no need for expensive repair or building work. Most problems can be resolved by a trip to your local DIY store and a bit of common sense. "In the bathroom make sure the grouting between any tiles is cleaned using special grout cleaners available from most DIY stores, make sure that freshly washed, sweet smelling towels are hung neatly and that new bars of soap are on show instead of old ones," Newnes adds.

The idea is that your kitchen and bathroom look and smell clean, hygienic and tidy. An unclean toilet or dirty kitchen surfaces are unlikely to attract your buyer back for a second viewing. "Generally, cleanliness and tidiness can make a huge impression, so make sure all rooms are dusted and vacuumed and any cushions plumped up and curtains made to hang neatly. Don't forget to repair any tears to wallpaper and spend a little time repainting chipped or marked paintwork," he says.

Its not just inside that needs to look inviting: the first thing your buyer will see is the outside of your house. "Remember the exterior of the house," says Newnes. "Kerbside appeal is vital to get potential buyers through the door. A neat garden, clean windows, and a clean and tidy front door with a bell that works are all simple things that present a well maintained image. "Finally ensure you know specific details about the house, for example mention any relevant guarantees such as damp proof courses or double glazing. And what about the heating and water systems? If you have low fuels bills, have some handy to demonstrate this. It's definitely a selling point."

If all else fails, bake some bread or put a fresh pot of coffee on, advises Newnes. "It is usually the simplest and cheapest jobs that can have the most influence over the final sale. A vase of flowers or the smell of freshly brewed coffee doesn't cost the earth but can make a very positive impression."

Make a success of DIY design

Stylish interiors come through using the right amount of furniture for the space

HOME makeover programmes have inspired millions of people to become a little more creative with their interiors. You can now choose from endless paint shades, rolls of designer wallpapers, floor coverings, furniture styles and accessories. It is piecing them all together that is the hard bit.

While choice is always good, too much choice can make it difficult to get things right first time. Coordinating interiors doesn't necessarily mean matching everything, but there does need to be a sense of unity within every aspect of a room. Interior designers make this look easy, but most people find out the hard way that it can be anything but easy to get it right.

Whether you want to create a romantic master bedroom, welcoming guest room, cosy lounge or a functional family room, redesigning an interior space requires thought and attention to detail.

You, like any interior designer, should have the aim of making the room both functional and stylish. While working around your family's needs and interests may be difficult, it is essential if you want to have a room that is usable and can take what your family has to throw at it.

Take a good look at the space you have available: if the room is small, don't try to cram too much into it. Less is usually more when it comes to the amount of furniture in a room. Using the right amount of furniture and furniture in the correct proportions for the room will use the space available more efficiently and make the room feel more spacious. If the room is large, don't necessarily line-up all the furniture along the walls, which can lead to a boring layout and a waste of space. Consider dividing up a large room into smaller functional spaces using room dividers like screens and open bookcases.

Before you start, think about budget. This is always an interior designer's first consideration and will help them decide all aspects of the project. It's no good splashing out on designer wallpaper costing £45 a roll if you're going to have to skimp and scrape for everything else in the room. However, it will pay off to have one splurge item to set everything off, if you can afford to spent a decent amount on the basics.

Once you figure out how the room will be used, what space is available and how much money you have for the transformation, it's time to take inspiration from the experts. Create a file of magazine clippings of the styles, colours and accessories you would like to use in your home. When you have a good collection of clippings, you will have a clearer mind of what you want to create and what does and doesn't work together.

When it comes to actually decorating, if you can't do the job properly yourself, ask someone nicely to help or pay a professional if you have to. Nothing is worse than a job half done badly, especially if you've paid £45 for a roll of wallpaper.

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Drimpton **Guide £175,000**

Auction 30.11.17 – Axminster 2pm.
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Until now, the Amarok has been available with an eight-speed automatic gearbox and permanent 4MOTION four-wheel drive. The new model, available in Trendline trim, combines a six-speed manual gearbox and at the touch of a button, selectable all-wheel drive, with a drive system that features standard rear-wheel drive and, when required, engages the front axle. Thanks to the manual gearbox, an additional off-road gear reduction function permits extreme crawling pace, helpful when navigating complicated passages off-road and scaling particularly steep inclines of up to 100 per cent (slope angle of 45°).

The new 3.0-litre V6 engine produces its maximum power of 204 PS between 3,000 and 4,500 rpm, and maximum torque of 500 Nm between 1,250 and 2,750 rpm. It has a combined fuel economy of 32.5 mpg and CO2 emissions of 229 g/km. The zero to 62 mph sprint takes just 8.4 seconds – faster than its automatic counterpart at 9.1 – and it has a top speed of 119 mph (vs 117 for the auto).

Weight-wise, the manual 204 PS Amarok has a GVW of 3,200 kg, braked trailer weight of 3,000 kg, and a payload of 1,050 kg.

The latest version of the Amarok went on sale in the UK in December 2016. It now has a refreshed external look, a new 3.0-litre V6 TDI engine, an all-new interior and the latest in in-car infotainment systems and technology. In addition to the new manual 204 PS version, a 163 PS manual Amarok is due to join the range early next year.

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Prices announced for the Jeep® Compass

PRICING and specification for the all-new Jeep® Compass have been announced by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles UK, ahead of the stunning new SUV's arrival here in February 2018.

With a starting price of just £22,995 OTR for the 1.6 MultiJet 120 MTX FWD the new car represents outstanding value for money.

The all-new Jeep® Compass offers an unmatched combination of attributes including contemporary but authentic Jeep design, an array of advanced user-friendly connectivity and safety technologies, excellent on-road driving dynamics, open-air freedom and legendary, best in class, 4x4 off-road capability.

The new vehicle represents a key addition to the Jeep line-up, allowing the brand to tackle the important and growing compact SUV segment, that is expected to grow by almost 20 percent to 7.5 million in 2020. In Europe alone, this segment amounts to more than 1.6 million and is expected to achieve more than two million units by 2020.

In the UK, the Compass range is powered by two petrol and three diesel engines. The petrol engine offering includes a 1.4-litre MultiAir II Turbo engine with Stop&Start delivering 140 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 230 Nm of torque at 1,750 rpm in combination with the six-speed manual gearbox and 4x2 configuration, and the 1.4-litre MultiAir II Turbo engine producing 170 horsepower at 5,500 rpm and torque of 250 Nm at 2,500 rpm, paired to the nine-speed automatic transmission and 4x4 configuration.

The diesel engine range comprises the efficient 1.6-litre MultiJet II with Stop&Start delivering 120 horsepower at 3,750 rpm and 320 Nm of torque at 1,750 rpm, paired to the six-speed manual gearbox and 4x2 configuration, and the 2.0-litre MultiJet II with Stop&Start delivering 140 horsepower at 3,750 rpm, with the six-speed manual transmission, producing 350 Nm of torque at 1,750 rpm and come with the 4x4 configuration.

A higher output version of the 2.0-litre MultiJet II with Stop&Start – delivering 170 horsepower in combination with the nine-speed automatic transmission and 4x4 configuration (including the Trailhawk specific low range mode) – completes the diesel offering available on the all-new Compass.

Four equipment levels of Jeep® Compass are offered in the UK: Sport, Longitude, Limited and Trailhawk*. The Sport version's standard equipment includes 16-inch alloy wheels, LED tail lights, leather steering wheel with audio controls, air conditioning, cruise control, forward collision warning and 60/40 rear seat split.

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Trailhawk equipment includes halogen projector headlamps, hood decal, red rear tow hook, privacy glass, front and rear off-road bumpers, raised off-road suspension, front and rear skid plates, 8.4-inch audio and navigation, leather power and heated seats, 60/40 folding rear seat with boot pass-through, heated steering wheel, all-season floor mats, Parkview reverse camera, Parksense front and rear park assist system, blind spot and cross path detection, hill descent and Rock transmission mode.

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Jeep Compass is the first Jeep SUV to offer the new Uconnect system, delivering communication, entertainment and navigation features that enhance both the driving experience and the passengers' onboard comfort. Jeep Compass is equipped with the Uconnect 5.0 and Uconnect 8.4 NAV systems. Both have been improved to include easy-to-use features, enhanced processing power, faster start-up times and touchscreens that display high-resolution graphics.

Driver and passenger safety were paramount in the development of the all-new Jeep® Compass, which attained a 5-star Euro NCAP score. The car offers more than 70 available active and passive safety and security features including Forward Collision Warning-Plus, LaneSense Departure Warning-Plus, Blind-spot Monitoring and Rear Cross Path detection, ParkView rear backup camera with dynamic grid lines, Automated Parallel and Perpendicular Park Assist, Adaptive Cruise Control, electronic stability control (ESC) with electronic roll mitigation and six standard air bags.

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Hereford	16	26	36
Kettering Town	16	20	36
Tiverton Town	19	4	35
Frome Town	17	5	30
Chesham Utd	18	14	29
Redditch Utd	18	11	28
Banbury Utd	17	11	26
St Neots Town	19	4	26
Royston Town	16	-1	26
Merthyr Town	18	-4	26
Hitchin Town	18	-6	25
Biggleswade Town	18	-3	24
Basingstoke Town	18	10	23
Farnborough	18	-8	20
Bishops Stortford	19	-2	19
DORCHESTER TOWN	18	-17	19
Stratford Town	16	-9	17
Kings Langley	18	-12	14
St Ives Town	18	-14	12
Dunstable Town	20	-50	6
Gosport Borough	17	-46	4

Wessex Premier	Pld	Pts
Andover Town	19	52
Blackfield & Langley	19	42
Sholing	19	37
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Newport IOW	19	14
Amesbury Town	16	10
Petersfield Town	20	8

Dorset Premier	Pld	Pts
Dorchester Sports	13	28
Merley Cobham	14	28
Holt Utd	12	27
Hamworthy Rec	11	27
Gillingham Town	14	26
Balti Sports	14	26
Swanage & Herston	10	24
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Hamworthy Utd Res	12	15
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Wareham Rangers	13	7
Sturminster Newton	12	7
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Dorset Senior (24)	Pld	Pts
Chickerell Utd	9	24
Corfe Castle	9	25
Westland Sports Res	8	18
Witchampton Utd	8	13
Broadstone FC	7	12
Beaminster	7	10
Corfe Mullen Utd	7	10
Poole Borough	9	10
Portland Utd Res	6	9
Cranborne	8	7
Dorchester Sports Res	8	5
Wincanton Town Res	7	3
Allendale	9	3

Dorset League Div 1 (24)	Pld	Pts
Wool Utd	7	18
Tisbury Utd	7	17
AFC Blandford	5	13
Canford Utd	7	13
Portland Utd Youth	8	13
Wareham Rangers Res	8	13
Boscombe Polonia	11	13
Stalbridge	9	10
Blandford Utd Res	9	9
Weymouth FC Colts	10	8
Allendale Res	5	5
Parley Sports Res	7	5
Swanage & Herston Res	5	3

Dorset League Div 2 (26)	Pld	Pts
Wimborne Phoenix	10	27
Sturminster Marshall	10	25
Portland Town	9	22
Portesham Utd	10	19
Broadmayne	10	15
Broadstone Seniors FC	8	14
Shaftesbury Town Colts	9	14
Maiden Newton & Catt	8	12
Chickerell Utd Res	9	11
Sturm Newton Utd Res	9	9
Gillingham Town Res	9	6
Okeford Utd	8	5
Piddlehinton Utd	10	4
Marnhull	9	0

Dorset League Div 3 (26)	Pld	Pts
Wimborne Phoenix Res	12	28
Bridport 3rds	8	24
Verwood All Stars	10	21
AFC Blandford Res	11	21
Gill Dons	8	19
Corfe Castle Res	8	18
Donhead Utd	9	16
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Bere Regis	10	7
Wool Utd Res	10	3
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Shillingstone	9	18
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Chickerell Utd A	9	9
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Wool & Winfrith	8	3

Football round-up

Terras wear down tenacious Tivvy

Weymouth 2 Tiverton Town 0
Evo-Stik South Premier – att; 517

FOR the second game in four days Weymouth had to be patient before breaking down their opponents; this time 73 minutes, before a sublime strike from Josh Carmichael broke Tiverton's resistance.

Toby Down's header 10 minutes later sealed the points that were anything but safe against a Tivvy side that made it an entertaining game with neither side giving any quarter.

A bright start for the hosts saw new loan signing Charlie Seaman linking down the right side, but it was Tivvy's Levi Landricombe with a shot just wide with the first effort on goal.

Ben Thomson's strong run from Carmichael's pass resulted in a reverse ball to put Addulai Baggi in on goal but his shot was parried by keeper Martin Rice, whilst at the other end Harry Baker, having extricated himself from three opponents, then shot straight at Rice.

A foul on Charlie Davis on 27 minutes saw the instigator Scott Rogers booked along with colleagues Ollie Knowles and Owen Howe in the fracas that followed.

The second half proved as feisty with Baker claiming he was pulled back inside the penalty area, and Ashley Wells needing treatment after a hard but fair tackle which later saw him replaced by Down.

The antagonism continued amid passages of good play from both sides and Baker was yellow carded for a foul on Hurst.

Tiverton almost broke the deadlock on 64 minutes when Travers failed to hold Tom Bath's header and it slipped through his fingers just passed the far post.

Just when it looked like the Terras were going to settle for a point, Carmichael won the ball 35-yards from goal before letting fly with a grass cutter that zipped just inside the post.

Buoyed by the goal, Baker struck a 30-yard effort that had Rice diving to smother, but on 83 minutes Down made the game safe with a thumping near post header from Josh Wakefield's corner.

Baker's petulance saw him sent off when he received a second yellow card for kicking the ball into the crowd, and in the final minutes Jake McCarthy denied Tiverton a consolation when he flung himself to block Howe's goalbound shot after Travers had parried.

Speaking to *View Sport* manager Mark Molesley said: "It was typical Southern League blood and thunder; a tough game. We needed to be strong, but we did well to keep our cool, I'm delighted that the boys stood up to the demands of that. I thought we were very professional and did enough to take all three points."

Despite being sent off for two yellow cards, the Terras boss was delighted with Baker's contribution.

"He'll learn from that. He was like a little dog, he just kept running and harrying.

On Carmichael's goal he said: "I don't think people realise the technique he's got, he set his shot off out wide and the keeper thought it going wide but at the last moment it curls in. Not many people can strike a ball like that, it was a moment of class that got our noses in front."

Magpies beaten by late strikes

Frome Town 3 Dorchester Town 1
EvoStik South Premier - att: 234

FOR the second game running Dorchester conceded two late goals that condemned them to defeat.

After being dumped out of the FA Trophy by Heybridge Swifts with two goals in the last seven minutes, the Magpies got themselves back in the game before the break having conceded an early goal.

Jake Jackson gave the Robins the lead in the 12th minute when he outpaced the Dorchester defence before rounding Chris Weale and tuck the ball home from a narrow angle.

The Magpies responded with Aaron Rodriquez going close and Robins' keeper Kyle Phillips forcing Phil Ormrod wide to the point his shot missed the target.

But they equalised on 38 minutes when a well worked corner saw Mo Baghdadi fire under Phillips from the edge of the box.

In a fairly physical second half, short of goal opportunities, it appeared that Dorchester might leave with a point. However, on 79 minutes, man of the match Jon Davies fired past Weale edge of the box.

Almost immediately they might have equalised but Billy Lowes' shot cleared the bar, before Jackson sealed the points, and a league double, with a neat finish.

Blues fall to Gleeson

Hamworthy Utd 1 Portland Utd 0
Sydenhams Wessex Prem – att; 74

FORMER Dorchester Town midfielder Jamie Gleeson's goal on the hour mark saw Hamworthy United edge victory to claim the double over Portland United last Tuesday.

Blues boss Simon Browne was disappointed that his side did not leave the County Ground with at least a point: "We played very well, on any other day we would be walking away not just with one point but all three. I thought we were the better side."

Portland started well and had a couple opportunities in the first 10 minutes, but as the half progressed the game became a battle for midfield supremacy, although Jamie Beasley caused a lot of problems down the left and almost gave them the lead on the cusp of half time; his 25 yard shot clipping the post.

Although the Blues created more chances in the second half they failed to capitalise, whilst Gleeson struck the winning goal for the Hammers when he volleyed home from 20 yards.

Browne, rueing the missed chances said: "Ultimately the game is about who scores the most goals, so all our possession counted for very little in the end."

DORSET LEAGUES

Premier League

BALTI Sports had a day to forget as four players took turns in the sin-bin in a 4-1 defeat at Westlands.

Sammy Nicholls netted for the Weymouth side. Nicholls was then one of the quartet, that included Danny Andrews, Liam Taylor and skipper Phil Anderson, who spent a 10-men minute cooling off period on the sideline.

Meanwhil, Dorchester Sports leapt up to top spot with a 4-2 win at Mere Town.

Sports were 3-0 up after half an hour through Richa Beasley, and a Will Turland double.

But Mere pulled one back immediately after Dorch had Tony Frost red-carded and reduced the arrears top 3-2 just before the hour.

However, the visitors ralled and James Symes netted near the end to clinch the win.

Senior Division

CHICKERELL UTD ended Corfe Castle Castle's unbeaten run coming out 2-0 winners with from Steve Welch and Matt Stickland.

Dorchester Sports Res and Wincanton shared the points drawing 2-2 with Mitch Bouwman on the scoresheet for Dorch.

Division One

PORTLAND Utd A won 4-2 at Canford Utd, meanwhile, Tom Cherry, Riley Greenwood and Jordan Sharp netted for Weymouth FC Colts as they won 3-2 at home against Blandford Res.

Division Two

DOM Allen scored both goals for Wimborne Phoenix as they won 2-0 at home to Chickerell Res.

Second placed Sturminster Marshall won 3-2 at Portesham Utd despite a double from Aaron Ryan.

Elsewhere, Jordan Butler scored a hat-trick as Portland Town won 6-2 at Okeford. Colin Upfold, Danny Clifford and sub Lewis Dolan scored the others for the visitors.

Division Three

A BRACE for Jack Phelps was enough for Donhead to take all three points at home against Portland Town Reserves winning 2-0.

Division Four

CHARLIE Clarke and an OG helped Puddletown to a 2-2 draw at Piddlehinton.

Shillingstone hammered Portesham Utd Res 10-1. Marcus Simpson scored the consolation as Redlands went down 3-1 at home against Tisbury Reserves.

Crossways Spitfires defeated Portland Town A 4-1 with Paul Cole netting the visitors' consolation.

Basketball

Storm calmed by Coasters power

Dorset Storm 36
Jurassic Coasters 88

GAME day for the under 16s South West National League teams and the unbeaten Coasters made the trip to Poole for the local derby.

The Coasters were the first on the board with two points from Giuseppe Landolfi closely followed by another two from Louis Weaver.

Storm weren't going to be taken likely as they got their own points on the board and drawing a foul convert two more to take an early lead.

This seemed to spur the visitors on as they went on a 12 point spree with baskets from Owen Leivers, Eoin Goring, Bradley Morgan and Landolfi.

But the hosts found their form again finishing the quarter strongly and keeping the score to within six.

Into the second quarter and the Coasters soon dominated increasing their lead to 10 with Weaver and Landolfi hitting the mark before Leivers was fouled going up to the ring.

In the ninth minute of the quarter the Coasters had reached team fouls and gave away four free throws. Fortunately for the Coasters, Storm couldn't make the most of them.

Baskets from Morgan and Landolfi finished off the quarter as the visitors went into the break with a healthy 47-28 lead.

The third quarter saw the coasters dominate at both ends with Luca Trevett leading the defensive duties as the Coasters only allowed Storm one basket in the entire quarter. Kieron Scott added to the baskets tally of 15 points before the hosts scored.

The final basket of the quarter saw Will Sherlock take the visitors to an imposing 40-point lead.

The domination continued in the final period with Morgan and Landolfi making the most of the open play points.

Weaver was sent to the free throw line twice as the hosts couldn't find any answers and Henry Ackerley made a late surge picking up two of the final five points.

Scores; Landolfi 38, Weaver 14, Leivers 13, Morgan 13, Goring 4, Ackerley 2, Scott 2, Sherlock 2, Trevett.

Rugby

Cup final on horizon

Puddletown 34
East Dorset 5
Dorset & Wilts 1st XV Plate Semi-Final

EAST Dorset returned to Greenfields intent on avenging last week's 30-0 league whitewash, but found the high flying Villagers in no mood to surrender their eight game unbeaten run writes Geoff Puryer.

Puddletown took control of the midfield from the start, soaking up the visitors' early pressure and repeatedly turning defence into attack.

The home side drew first blood after 15 minutes with outside centre Matt Watts cutting through to score. Captain Sam Bailey missed the conversion but made amends five minute later adding three points from a penalty.

Pearce Mercer was next on the scoresheet, the big number eight simply shrugging off the tackles as he powered to the line, Bailey duly converted. Then just before half-time Watts turned provider, spinning out of a tackle to make a 40 metre break before spotting Ryan Snook running the outside line.

Taking the short pass the full-back sprinted clear to dot down under the posts with Bailey adding the extras for a 22-0 half time lead.

East Dorset stepped up a gear after the break and, undaunted by prop Jez Beale's unconverted try adding to the home side's tally, and their relentless pressure eventually breached an otherwise resolute defence to fashion a deserved score of their own.

But The Villagers had the final say in a second half contested mainly in midfield when, with 10 minutes to go, Mercer broke off the back of a set-piece to score his second try of the game. Bailey converted to take his tally with the boot to nine points.

Puddletown will now face new boys AMESBURY in the final on December 2nd, but before that, return to league action with a visit to second placed SHERBORNE 2nds on Saturday.

Lyme skittles

RESULTS (w/e November 18th)
Ladies Doug Clark Cup: La Crème 317 Generations 302, Wootton Wobblers 302 Skittso's 280, Hot Gossips 306 Smashers 297. *High Scores this week: J.Watt 63; P Wellman 60.*

Men's Palmer Cup: Alleytwits 344 Flyers 318, Tornadoes bt Marksmen, President's Men 345 Clueless 332, Rousdon Rebels 347 Trappers 352, Wreckers 306 Young Guns 338, Anthill Mob 325 British Legion 270. *High Scores this week: A Aldworth 71; J Bennett 63.*

Beaminster Darts

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Whos afear	5	40	4
Mustangs	5	38	4
Marauders	5	31	3
Young Guns	5	24	2
Burs Lot	6	21	1
Thorns	4	21	2
Convicts	5	19	2
For Fox Sake	5	19	2
Moved On	6	17	12

180s: D.Rowley & C.Topp both x2, seven players x1.
Top game shot: M.Gilmore 127.

Snooker

Dorchester & Dist
LATEST results; WDC Whipping Boys 2 Colliton XQ 2017 6,Colliton Hopefuls 3 Colliton XQ 2017 4, Trinity Express 4 WDC YYMFDT 4,Purbeck Potters 4 Colliton Hopefuls 4.

Top breaks: A Page 46; M Beale 31, 24.

Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (WD Club A) 54.

Team Handicap KO Cup: WD Club A 1 WDC YYMFDT 4, WDC Team Shaky 1 Colliton XQ2-17 4, Colliton Hopefuls 3 Trinity M 4, Trinity Express 4 Purbeck Potters 2.
SF draw: Trinity Express v Trinity M, WDC YYMFDT v Colliton XQ2017.

Rearranged league matches; Colliton Hopefuls v West Dorset Club A (tonight), West Dorset Club A v Trinity M (Monday, Dec 11th), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Thursday, Jan 11th), West Dorset Club A v Purbeck Potters (Monday, March 5th).

Table week 7	Pld	Pts
Trinity Express	6	27
Colliton XQ2017	8	27
Trinity M	5	24
WDC Team Shaky	6	24
WDC YYMFCDT	5	20
West Dorset Club A	4	18
Colliton Hopefuls	5	18
Purbeck Potters	5	17
WDC Whipping Boys	6	10

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks grab last minute equaliser

Plymouth Marjon C 1
West Dorset Hawks 1
Southern 2

WEST Dorset's endeavours were rewarded in their inaugural meeting against Plymouth Marjon C with an equaliser with almost the last strike of the game.

The Hawks gave first team debuts to striker Richard Wilson and Nick Halsey who played at right back allowing stand-in captain Julian May to move to midfield to cover unavailable skipper Rick Steele.

Unused to the extra bounce generated from the pitch surface, West Dorset took time to settle.

They fell behind following a short corner, Jim Bowditch getting his stick to the thunderous shot but could only deflect the ball high into the net.

The Hawks finally got to grips with the pitch, and just before the interval Alex Davies' shot looked destined for the top corner but the home keeper turned it over the bar and another Davies strike, this time following a short corner, struck the post.

Wilson then showed his potential crossing to the far post where Russell Coombs struck the crossbar with a diving full length effort.

With the Hawks defence holding firm, up front they almost scored again when Davies' effort was kept out by the toe of the keeper's boot.

It looked like the Hawks would travel back to Dorset without reward for a sterling performance, but with the last move of the match they were awarded another short corner and Davies slammed home the equaliser.

May told View Sport: "It was a great team effort and would have been harsh had we not got anything out of the game."

In naming Richard Puzey as his player of the match he added: "It's good to see the new players stepping up; they both did very well."

Southern 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Sidmouth & Ottery	8	24	24
Bude	8	21	16
PGSOB A	7	19	15
Camborne SoM	8	5	11*
Isca C	8	5	11
Plymouth Uni A	8	2	11*
OPM	8	-8	11
Plymouth Marjon C	8	-8	10
Caradon	8	-1	9
WEST DORSET	8	-11	9
Sidmouth & Ottery A	8	-25	2
Tavistock A	7	-23	1

Kellas goal spree continues

West Dorset A 3
Bridgwater C 2

JOHN Kellas continued his goal spree with a hat trick as he helped the Hawks secure a win in an entertaining game against a very well organised Bridgwater C.

Their mix of youth and experience saw off the visitors who were not fazed by going behind when Kellas, who scored four the previous week, continued his fine scoring run with a goal on 15 minutes.

The visitors then scored two quick goals to take the lead before half time, both coming from rebounds after keeper Alex Drew had made the initial save.

The second half started well for West Dorset and their early pressure was rewarded as Kellas slotted home his second.

Bridgwater's midfield attack was relentless at times, but a man of the match performance from Giles Maltby stopped every threat on the Hawks goal.

The balance of play shifted back and forth for the remainder of the game, but it was the Hawks that came out victorious as Kellas completed his hat trick to clinch the win.

***Team**: Alex Drew, Dave Tewson, Matthew Keeping, Giles Maltby, Henry Middleton, Ollie Bareham, Will Maltby, Kieran Williams, Will Tewson, Lee Connolly, John Kellas*

South East 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Chard A	8	14	19
East Devon C	8	24	18
ECV Hornets B	8	18	17
Taunton CS A	8	10	16
Chard B	8	7	16
Bridgwater C	8	14	13
Sidmouth & Ottery B	8	4	13
WEST DORSET A	8	-6	10
Minehead A	8	-22	7
Sidmouth & Ottery C	8	-33	4
Taunton Vale D	8	-13	3
Yeovil & Sherborne B	8	-17	3

Tee-off - golf news

Beviss' big scoring birdie clinches win

LYME REGIS *with Richard Jackman*
ROUND Two of the WINTER LEAGUE produced some keen but lower than average scoring, perhaps in anticipation of the improving of the bunkers that began the following day.

Division One was led to Pete Beviss as his 35 points gave him top spot, his brilliant birdie four points on the 14th heralding a steady, secure run in.

David Lock's birdie on the last ensured second spot with 34 points, one better than David Riches who finished 3rd.

Division Two produced a deserved win for Bob Shepherd as he started off brilliantly with three pointers on four of the first five holes in his 35 points.

Terry Peadon's solid back nine 19 secured 2nd place on countback from Les Bound (both 34).

The LADIES STABLEFORD Division One was won by Rosie Jackman whose two birdies in three holes helped in a back nine 21 in her 38 point winning score.

Judith Page and Di Harris both scored 34, but Page took silver on countback.

Division Two was closer, as Ros Clemmans put together a good steady front nine score in her 34 points one better than Kate Helm, whose four points on the fourth hole helped her to 33, one ahead of Lizzie Linnert in 3rd.

BRIDPORT *with Peter Crowter*
THIRTY-TWO men started out on Sunday for the Daily Mail Foursome Qualifier.

Coming in first was the team of Ian Thacker (15) & Nathan Dunford (18) with 36 points. After count-back Martin Drennon (14) & Dave Franks (10) took the runner-up spot with 35 and in third place were Dave Howat (18) & Larwence Turner (21) also with 35.

The veterans Thursday competition was a three-man team Bowmaker and 54 members took part on a fine morning.

Eighty-six points was the winning score and this was carded by Dave Howat (18), Brian Osborne (22) & David Inglesent (23). Coming second with 84 were Brian Walsh (17), Mike McGrady (17) & Roy Matheson (21). Third place went to Brian Austin (24), Peter Mowat (16) & Terry Garrett (28) with 83.

Ladies' Section *by Lyn Jessop*
A DOZEN ladies competed for the December stableford last Tuesday. Jane Dowling won with 25 points beating Di Neal on countback. Sally Woolmington was third with 21.

Multiple success for magnificent Morris

TWELVE months ago Gary Morris claimed victory in the Woolbridge Motor Club four-wheel-drive championship, but the recent season has seen the Bridport driver claim more successes throughout the many disciplines catered for by the club.

Morris left the club's awards presentation at Frampton Village Hall with the 50th Anniversary Trophy for winning the RTV (road-going) division of the four-wheel-drive championship, and the prestigious Victor Ludorum Trophy for scoring the most points across all of the club's activities. In addition, he claiming second overall in the Silver League Car Trials Championship and received a special award from club President Colin Pook for actions above and beyond the norm.

Multiple successes were also achieved by Sherborne's Mark Hoppé who finished third in the Victor Ludorum series. in addition to claiming the Field Trophy for winning the car trails championship.

The previous British Car Trials champion also collected the Jonathan Mears Memorial Trophy for winning the club's autotest championship and three trophies for overall wins in individual trials.

In the four-wheel-drive events Simon Crook (Dorchester) received the Hogcliff Trophy as the victor in the CCV (modified) division, whilst John Kirby (Maiden Newton) collected the Mitsibishi Trophy as the winner of both the RTV and CCV classes.

He also claimed third place in the cars trials championship, second in the Victor Ludorum, as well as the Autotechnic Trophy for an outright win in a car trial.

More awards were to return to the Kirby household with John's daughter Sarah winning the award for the Best Performance by a Young Driver in four-wheel-drive events in addition to the Junior Victor Ludorum for drivers under 23 years of age.

The family had further accolades when Sharon Kirby was awarded the Committee Cup (awarded for marshalling and/or officiating on the most occasions). This award was shared with Tim and Jackie Fry from Wareham.

Father and son duo Peter and Richard Turner claimed the victory for driver and navigator in the Navigational Challenge with Charlotte Ryall receiving the Rod Purkiss Trophy for the most deserving navigator.

◆ **THE CLASS OF 2017: With their trophies (l-r): Jeremy Searle, Andrew Bisping (MSA Regional Development Officer), Mark Hoppé, Gary Morris (seated), John Kirby, Simon Neve and Sarah Kirby.**
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One of the most well supported championships within the south Dorset Club was that for speed hill climbing. Stephen Wareham (Bere Regis) took fourth place in his Austin Mini whilst Andrew Forsyth took the runner-up position in his OMS single-seater racer.

The premier award, The Silver Jubilee Trophy went to South Petherton's Simon Neve who took the top spot driving his Mitsubishi Lancer road car whilst he rebuilt the engine of his more rapid and specialised Evo RS.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, November 27th;
Portman Handicap Cup (R2)
Monday, Nov 27th
Alleycats (33) v Dingbats, Brandy Snaps (32) v Rough Eight, Yo Yo's (2) v Alcoholics.
Tuesday, Nov 28th
Unknowns (12) v Originals.
Wednesday, Nov 29th
Wickers (23) v Broadoak.
Thursday, Nov 30th
Countrymen (38) v Wanderers, Strawpeedoes (16) v Miss the Ball, Featherbeds (28) v Whisky Chasers, Lively Lads v BFC (26), Slingers (21) v Rejects, Rockets v Lost in Time (16), Survivors (33) v Nelson Nobblers, Castouts v Aussies Lot (5).
Friday, Dec 1st
NBC v Pinbashers (40), Bangers (16) v The Dingles, Stingers (3) v Pioneers.
Mixed Fours (R1)
Tuesday, Nov 28th
Woodman — Rest of the Best; Two+Two; Lee Team; Turkish Delights.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers	6	10
Broadoak	6	8
Masters	6	8
Miss the Ball	5	6
Nelson Nobblers	5	6
Rejects	6	6
Shipfaced	3	6
Slingers	6	5
Rough Eight	5	4
The Dingles	6	3
Denhay	6	2
Rockets	6	2

Division B	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	4	8
Originals	5	8
U Know the Blokes	6	8
Gerryatrics	6	6
Lively Lads	5	6
Survivors	5	6
Bangers	3	4
Dingbats	6	4
Lost in Time	4	4
Outsiders	6	2
Pioneers	6	0

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	5	10
Castouts	5	8
Strawpeedos	5	8
Stingers	5	6
LHS	5	4
NBC	5	4
Whisky Chasers	4	4
Alcoholics	5	2
Unknowns	6	2
Wickers	5	2

Division D	Pld	Pts
BFC	5	10
Brandy Snaps	6	8
Featherbeds	6	8
Firebirds	4	6
Let em Roll	4	6
Alleycats	5	2
Groundhogs	3	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Yo Yo's	4	2
Pinbashers	5	0

Lyme Regis Pool

Current table	Pld	Pts
Dyer Dallical	4	9
Pot Nots	3	9
Real Talbot	4	6
RNJI+One	3	6
Bye bye Nev	3	6
Nags Head Trott	4	3
The Collective	3	3
Drunken Sailors	4	0

Lyme Regis Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	4	8
Nags Z	4	7
Half an Octopus	4	2
Royal Standard	2	2
Four Play	2	1
Hunters Lodge	2	1
Sticky Bandits	3	0
Talbot Arms	1	0

180s: R.Cross, D.Herbert, T.Howard and James Souter-Phillips all x1.

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Darts

BRIDPORT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Hands of Time	8	14
Nomads	8	12
BSC	7	12
Rob's Robbers	6	11
Well Hung Clocks	8	11
Respect-de-Bull	8	7
4 Drunks & A Driver	7	7
Nags Head A	7	6
Five Sticky Fingers	8	4
Young Darters	8	3
One for the Vikings	8	3
Les Miserables	7	0

180s; L.Cox 4, M.Barnett, S.Harvey, G.Knight, A.Parker all x3, eight players x2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	8	16
Rubber Johns	8	14
Odds or Us	8	13
Poachers	8	9
No Direction	8	8
Dart Vaders	8	8
Mis Fits	8	8
Otter Rotters	8	7
The Surgeons	8	6
Anchor Five	8	5
No Chance	8	1
Wicked Team Name	8	1

180s; F.Jones, C.Higgs both x3, D.Sorrell x2, P.Moye, R.Moye, & T.Symonds all x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers	7	12
Stumpies Stallions	8	12
Dat Team	8	11
Whamo	7	10
Time Bombs	7	9
Midnight Runners	7	8
On me Tab	7	5
The Shoplifters	7	5
Dodgers	7	3
Odds & Sods	7	2
Ben's Followers	6	1

180s; P.Gumbrill, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Arrows Awry	8	15
Anchor Aces	8	15
Queens Bees	8	15
Queenies OTC	8	12
Castaways	8	10
Diamonds ITR	9	8
Against the Odds	8	8
Lil's Hopefuls	9	7
Sue's Rebels	8	7
Good Mates	9	4
Charlie's Angels	8	4
Tiger Stripes	9	3
Double Trouble	8	0

Most wins; Janet Collins & Lil Sweet both x8, six players x7.

Lyme Crib

RESULTS; Stepps 2 Nags Head 3, Dolphin 3 Colyton Club 2, Ship Inn LR 3 New Inn Kilm A 2, New Inn Kilm B 1 Gerrard Arms 4, Ax Con Club 2 Talbot Arms 3.

Beer League: Stepps 3 Nags Head 0, Dolphin 1 Colyton Club 2, Ship Inn LR 1 New Inn Kilm A 2, New Inn Kilm B 1 Gerrard Arms 2, Ax Con Club 2 Talbot Arms 1.

Fixtures (Nov 27th); New Inn Kilm A v Colyton Club, Nags Head v Ship Inn LR, Stepps v Dolphin, Talbots Arms v Lamb Swans, Gerrard Arms v Ax Con Club.

League Table - week 11	Pld	Pts
Nags Head	10	32
Gerrard Arms	10	26
Colyton Club	9	25
New Inn Kilm A	9	25
Axminster Con Club	10	25
Dolphin Beer	10	25
Lamb Swans	9	23
Ship LR	8	21
Talbot Arms	9	21
New Inn Kilm B	10	20
Stepps	10	18

Beer Lge	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilm B	10	17
Axminster Con Club	10	16
Colyton Club	9	16
Gerrard Arms	10	16
Ship Inn LR	8	14
Lamb Swans	9	14
Stepps	10	13
New Inn Kilm A	9	13
Talbot Arms	9	13
Dolphin Beer	10	13
Nags Head	10	11

Bridport RFC

First final appearance must wait

Oakmedians 65 Bridport 10
Dorset & Wilts Vase semi final

BRIDPORT travelled to Merrick Park, Bournemouth on Saturday looking to get through to the Cup Final for the first time, but expecting a tough time against a side lying second in the Dorset & Wilts Division One (S) table *writes Guy Livingston*.

Their fears were realised when a strong second half performance from the home team blew them away.

The first 10 minutes were very even until from a breakdown on the Blues 22, Oakmedians spun the ball out to their winger who was quickly over the line for the first try which they failed to convert.

It was not long before a similar move was made on the opposite side of the pitch as the hosts scored another unconverted try.

Bridport then gained a scrum down in the opposition half and a quick ball from Lavis to Mitch Waters who offloaded to Freddy Woolner who stormed through for a try under the posts which he then converted to take the score to 10-7.

It was not long after this that a similar penalty was awarded in the Blues half and Oakmedians took full advantage to score a converted try.

Bridport then got into a good attacking position on the Oaks line, but despite numerous drives, great defence stopped them getting over the line, Oaks ultimately infringed going over the top, and Richard Layzell added the three points.

In the closing minutes of the first half Bridport conceded a penalty from which the Oaks scored a converted try, going in at half time 24-10 in front.

The second half started with a revitalised Blues who obviously felt that they could still get back into the game putting good pressure on the Oaks defence.

However, they were unable to get the all important first score and the Oaks pulled away with two scores in as many minutes.

This was the turning point which broke Bridport spirits and the Oaks, with a younger and fitter side, ran away with the game adding a further unanswered 31 points.

The Blues have to visit the Oaks again next Saturday in the league and will have to take some of the positives from this game.

With Mike Pibworth back, he and Daragh McLoughlin held their own in the line outs and there was parity at the scrum with Ollie Lavis having a solid game at scum half, but having played with three different number nines in the last three games continuity is lacking. Freddie Woolner again had another excellent kicking game to clear the Blues lines.

◆ **HOISTED:** Mike Pibworth in action for Bridport at a line-out in Saturday's semi-final defeat

Bridport FC

WITH STUART BROOM

Controversy mars fine Reserves display

Holt Utd 3 Bridport Reserves 1
Dorset Premier Division

DESPITE this defeat against title contenders Holt United, Bridport manager Shaun Annetts was pleased with his team's performance.

The former Beaminster manager has been critical of his side's defending in recent weeks particularly through individual errors, and has been trying to instil some discipline.

Although they conceded three, Annetts accepted that the first two were genuine pieces of skill, whilst the third resulted from the referee accepting the linesman's offside decision and then changing his mind.

The Bees boss said: "I thought we gave a very good account of ourselves and were the better side in the first half. We defended so much better.

"We went in 0-0 at half time, and had them rattled, they were arguing with themselves and the referee.

However, we always knew that they were a decent side, and unfortunately there was one very quick player with exceptional skills that won the game for them."

Annetts was pleased to have Billy Fleet back back between the sticks, and also gave PL debuts to Josh Hunter and sub Dylan Riley.

The Bees continued to hold their own for 15 minutes after the interval as Holt's frustration continued.

However, they were undone by two pieces of skill from Nathan Saxby within five minutes; the first a rasping shot that gave Fleet no chance, before turning the outstanding Ryan Hayter and firing home low.

And with 15 minutes left the Bees were dealt a body blow from a strange decision by referee Craig Bourton. Bridport were penalised for a foul 25 yards from goal from which the referee allowed Holt to take quickly.

Ryan Gall stepped up quickly leaving a Holt player who thumped the ball into the net offside.

The referee initially upheld the decision but, after protests from the home side, spoke with the assistant and then allowed the goal.

Annetts was astounded: "I don't know how he can make that call!"

This made the task harder, but the Bees were rewarded three minutes later when Riley Weedon picked the ball up on the angle of the area and curled a superb shot beyond the keeper into the far corner.

There was more controversy 10 minutes from time when a Holt player was sent off for head butting Nick Paull, splitting the bridge of his nose.

Paull, agitated by the offence, was then also dismissed for "aggressive attitude", something Annetts has asked the club to appeal.

Lowden break Bere's resistance
Bridport Thirds 2 Bere Regis 0
Dorset Division Three

BRIDPORT Thirds continued their unblemished league record when they entertained a Bere Regis side whose league position doesn't do them justice.

Starting with possibly the strongest squad they'd put out this term, the Bees played the visitors off the park and if they had been sharper up front would have been out of sight by half time.

As it was they found themselves level at the break, and this was only thanks to a brilliant save from Jordon Scadding in the home goal who palmed away a powerful shot just before the break.

The second half saw the home side look sharper in attack with Rhys Hughes-Williams going close on several occasions.

They finally opened their account Callan Lowden volleyed home James Pitchers's cross.

Bridport soon found themselves further in front. The visiting keeper having made a brilliant save, couldn't hold the ball and Ali Kamara tapped the rebound home.

Rivals beaten

BRIDPORT Bowls Club's Ladies A team picked up six points in the County League with a 41-37 win over BOURNEMOUTH, one of their main rivals for the title.

Francis Hewett, Ann Turtell, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp finished 1,3,3 to win 24-19 to clinch victory, as Pamela Daters, Margaret Pestelle, Sue Walsh & Annie Legg lost 17-18.

Bridport's men had a tough weekend, comprehensively beaten on Saturday by DORCHESTER in the National Denny Plate Competition, and beaten on all four rinks in the Wessex League against MOONFLEET's second string.

In the County over 60s League, Bridport A took five points at home against Moonfleet A. Phil Hedges, Paul Hallett & Mike Fletcher romped home 31-6, with Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths & Chris Everest drawing 14-14.

In Bridport's four-rink mixed friendly against the NOMADS, Sylvia and Mike Fletcher, Harry Gray & Barry Driscoll were top rink, winning 22-12.

Chris Thorne, Tracy Marley, Robin Pither & Chas Clarke also won 18-14.

Nomads won on the other two rinks as Nicky Driscoll, David Jenkin, John Davies & Mary Hansford dropped a five count on the last end to lose 17-22 and Brian Suffling, Sharon Heath, Brian Legg & Les Heath also went down, but Bridport still won 72-64 overall.

Great start to season for Colfox

THE Sir John Colfox Academy showed they are going to be a force again in Round One of the English Schools Cross Country Cup held at Bishop Wordsworth School, Salisbury, with both the Inter and Junior Boys teams qualifying for the Southern England Final.

In perfect conditions on a great course the Junior Girls started the day off finishing fourth overall, just seven points off a qualifying in third place. Lea Devecsery was the first Colfox girl home in 7th, followed by Cora Obrien, Lucy Selway, Zara English, Amelia Burt and Jess Barbe Baker.

In the Junior Boys raced, Colfox finished 2nd, with Owen Pitcher leading the way with a superb individual second place finish. He was followed by Oliver Forsee, Oakley Winters-Obrien, Sam Devecsery, Bailey Huxter and Oliver Jones.

◆ **GREAT START:** The Junior Boys team who have qualified for the next round

The Inter Girls finished fifth with four very strong teams ahead of them. Maddy Herbert was the first Colfox girl home in fourth, with Ellen Pearce, May Cornwell, Flick Ackerman, Mia Williams and Daisy Parsons making up the other places.

The Inter Boys matched the younger team by also finishing in second. Gus Johnson led Colfox home, with Fin Cauldwell, Harry Burwood, Mannie Wellman, Zakjohn Ousley and Jake Childs filling the other places.

The Inter and Junior Boys now progress to the Southern England Final at Leweston School in Sherborne where both teams will have a good chance of progressing into the national final.

Netball

Hi Q go two clear

by Steph Upson

FOUR teams from **Division One** were in action last week. HNC 3Ts were up against HNC Hot Shots.

Megan Gooding played well for 3Ts while Rebecca Coop was the Shots' player of the match and helped to lead them to a 59-25 win.

Flamingos and Hi Q met in a highly anticipated match. The final result wasn't as close as it might have been expected, with Hi Q securing a 35-20 win despite the best efforts of Flamingos' Sonia York.

Bev Paris' brilliant play for Hi Q led to her being awarded player of the match for the winners.

In **Division Two**, Beer Blazers were missing three regulars and were without subs for the match against Tornados.

However, this did not deter them and they managed to win their fifth game in a row, 25-8.

Ash Taylor, for Blazers, received the POTM accolad, whilst Tornados' Katherine Pankiewiczscooped the award for Tornados.

There was a close encounter between JD Tyres and Otter Valley with only six goals between them at the final whistle. Lisa Bevan assisted JD to a 20-14 victory, while Becca Rowe worked hard for Otter Valley.

HNC Honeyz showed some fierce attacking and fine defending moments, particularly from Louise Welch against Signs South West, but it wasn't enough to contend with the more experienced team as the Signs went on to win 38-15 with skipper Faye Hawkins leading from the front and being awarded POTM.

Pixies managed to grab a 27-19 win against Cranbrook Arrows but it wasn't all plain sailing with Cranbrook, led by Kirsty Crowe, refusing to give up, and securing a point for scoring more than half of Pixies' goals scored. Georgie Selley picked up the POTM for Pixies.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	6	110	16
HNC Hot Shots	6	73	14
Sidmouth Chicks	5	55	13
Flamingos	5	63	12
TNC Otters	4	52	11
Blackdown	5	-37	6
Sidmth Toucans	4	-52	4
High Tide	4	-52	3
HNC 3Ts	5	-119	2
Panthers	4	-93	1

Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
Beer Blazers	5	95	15
Signs SW	5	84	13
JD Tyres	5	43	13
Sidmouth Eagles	4	67	12
Otter Valley	5	44	11
Pixies	5	11	9
Cranbrook	5	-36	5
TNC Tornados	5	-35	4
HNC Honeyz	5	-134	1
Jurassics	4	-139	0

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Slough Town 3 Weymouth 0
Evo-Stik South Premier – att: 923

WEYMOUTH met their match when they were well beaten by a Slough Town team who Terras boss Mark Molesley believes they are probably the best side in the League and were a great measuring stick to judge his charges progress this season.

"I think going forward in the season it is a great indicator as to see where we are, so it gives us food for thought, something to aim for.

"Slough are a very good attacking side, we have to give them credit. We were up against it today."

Weymouth started well and were unlucky not to take an early lead. Charlie Davis' ball in behind the central defenders found Ben Thomson who, having made some room for himself, saw his shot deflected by Nathan Smart's tackle.

From the resultant corner Jake McCarthy's shot was cleared off the line by Lee Togwell.

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The Rebels took the lead in the 24th minute when, after a patient build-up, George Wells struck a measured 30 yarder that shaved the inside of the post on its way into the net after Charlie Seaman failed to close him down.

Luck was against Weymouth following a tenacious run by Thomson from the left touchline that saw him crowded out.

However, as the ball ran loose, Abdulai Baggie struck a wonderful curling 25 yard shot beyond keeper Jack Turner but the ball rebounded off the angle of the goal frame.

Five minutes before the break Slough doubled their lead when George Dobson got inbetween two defenders to head Warren Harris' cross beyond a stranded Mark Travers into the corner of the net off the inside of the post.

The second half saw Slough turn the screw as they attacked in numbers and only some desperate defending stopped them adding to their tally.

Travers saved a certain goal with his outstretched leg from Warren Harris' shot, and then tipping over Matt Lench's angled shot that was destined for the top corner.

Good work from sub Josh Jackman was eventually rewarded when he played a one-two with fellow sub Nathan Webb before drilling his shot beyond Travers four minutes from time to complete the scoring.

Jackman could have added another but for another great save from Travers who turned his 20-yard volley over the bar. From the resultant corner he then beat out Well's stinging long range drive.

Late Bearwish strike earns Portland point

Portland United 2 Hamble Club 2
Sydenhams Wessex Premier - att: 118

TOM Bearwish earned Portland a point with an added time equaliser after the Blues were forced to recover from conceding two goals in the first half hour.

Ryan McKechnie hit the post early on and the Blues had a penalty appeal rejected, before Hamble took the lead through Doug Rowe after some slack defending in the home defence.

They conceded again when River Smith was afforded a free header to pick his spot.

Following some encouragement for manager Simon Browne at the break, the Blues came out looking to rectify the situation, and on the hour they pulled one back when a cross from Ashley Smith was despatched into the corner of the net by McKechnie.

But the hosts comeback appeared to be put on hold on 70 minutes when Jamie Beasley was dismissed for two yellow cards.

Then in the 92nd minute Bearwish fired home fellow sub Alex Godfrey's cross to earn the Blues a point.

A relieved Browne said: "Credit to the guys, we ground out a result by pressing and pressing. Half of me is thinking it's two points lost, and the other half a point gained."

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